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BLACK DIAMONDS

During the coming winter months, the kind of coal used to heat individual homes is likely to be as precious as diamonds and harder to get. Carloads such as seen in the picture are probably not for you. It is more likely that they are meant for war factories or military establishments. The government has warned of a ten per cent reduction over last year of the supply available for retail use. For this reason all of us must take every possible precaution to have some burnable material on hand. If you have not already done so, seek the advice of your coal dealer. He may suggest a bituminous mixture, coke or even wood. And if you have a fireplace, don't forget to stock up for it. It looks like a hard winter.

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THE COVER . . . This month more than 130,000,000 Americans will observe Thanksgiving Day. While it is a far cry from the November day when a small band of immigrant settlers took time off from building log cabins, harvesting crops, and sniping at Indians, the fundamentals are pretty much the same. Then as now, Americans were fighting for the Four Freedoms. It was because they chose to die rather than submit to tyranny that we, centuries later, have cast aside the mantle of peace to fight for the democratic way of life that we cherish as much as life itself. Then as now it was America's mothers who best exemplified the nation's courage, determination and spirit of sacrifice. *Telephone Topics* pays tribute to them on this month's front cover.

FOR G. I. JOE . . . If, say between seven and ten in the evening, your Long Distance call is delayed because circuits are crowded, chances are there are soldier boys on the wire.

Chow is over by seven. Taps come at ten. In between is about the only time in camp when a home-hungry lad gets a chance to telephone Pa and Ma, or the One and Only.

So, if you have to wait a bit, we know you'll do it cheerfully; and when you do get your call through we know, too, that you'll make it snappy for the sake of G. I. Joe.



Toll

Management procedures to maintain a satisfactory speed of answer to a customer's signal are stressed in the Toll Clinic. Here John G. Andrews, Jr., Springfield Tr. Mgr., holds a portable box containing registers which show measurements of speed of answer. Loretta Cahill, Springfield Supervisor, records the readings and adjusts assignments of operators to meet large volumes of long distance calls.



Members of the class prepare case histories on subjects assigned to them in the toll office as a means of teaching the application of course material to practical procedures. Lawrence F. Leete, Portland Manager and Madeline M. Welch, Portland Chief Operator, answer questions for John D. Wells, Bangor District Supt.; Edward M. Stimets, Worcester District Supt.; Robert S. Hayes, Providence District Supt.; and Gordon C. Joyce, Lowell District Supt.



Routing information plays an important part in the speedy dispatch of calls. Fast auxiliary service is essential to conserve time. Here Arthur E. Kenyon, Pawtucket Tr. Mgr., listens in at a rate and route desk position to obtain first-hand data from which improvements in the administration of the desk can be devised to speed up calling.

Group discussion develops the review of operating practices and toll office procedures. Alfred B. McClure, Springfield District Dial Supvr., analyzes the management of toll auxiliary services for Tr. Managers A. E. Kenyon, Pawtucket; A. J. Hanlon, Boston (Gen. Staff Instr.); R. L. Norton, Framingham; M. B. Cole, Springfield; P. K. Palmer, Providence.



Clinic

THE impact of the war on long distance service has shown up in several ways. The volume of calls has nearly doubled with the increase almost equivalent to the growth over a period of some 65 years.

Neither the time nor the materials have been available to build all the plant that this huge volume requires. Again, this volume has been accompanied by increased complexities in the handling of calls; more attempts per call required, a greater proportion of person-to-person calls, and a greater length of haul necessitating more switching.

Adequate traffic management procedures are key items in this difficult situation. The maintenance of a satisfactory toll service under wartime conditions requires that administrative procedures be specifically directed toward the solution of the unusual problems brought about by the new conditions and by frequent changes in the existing situation.

Conditions vary widely between offices and traffic management must be prepared to institute the particular methods as they apply.

During recent weeks a review course of toll traffic management procedures has been given to many of the men of the Traffic Department associated with toll service problems. These courses will continue until all men and women working directly with long distance problems have been trained in the review course.

Basically the course consists of a detailed review of the current long distance problems. Each member of the group is assigned a specific typical problem to work out. Following a presentation of the solution a discussion brings out all the management procedures which varying conditions might require.

Basic to these review discussions is the development of operating practices with which the members of the group should be familiar. The accompanying pictures illustrate some of the major problems studied in the toll clinic.



Paul D. Giles, Springfield Dist. Tr. Supt., here applies management procedure lessons in checking circuit usage at frequent intervals. From the recorded comparative results he can formulate a program to increase effective circuit usage in order to help reduce circuit delays.



One of the most important principles of circuit conservation is the completion of switch calls in order to avoid delays along the route. J. E. Eckert of Providence Toll and Isabel McCormick, Southern Division Toll Instructor, examine records for completion of delayed switch calls which they have checked while listening in at the through call switchboard positions.

Delayed long distance calls are handled by operators on a point-to-point basis at specialized positions augmented by auxiliary tables in some offices. Fred T. Mills, District Supervisor, Providence, is examining delayed call tickets at an auxiliary table and is handing a ticket to be tried by operators assigned in the section of Alice T. Sullivan, Toll Supervisor at Providence.



With



Mary L. Purves of Western Traffic takes final stitches in the 500th garment which she and her sister have made from remnants and old clothes for war refugee children abroad. Marjorie Bates wears the grey cape and matching skull cap.

Miss Purves' dog "Fluffy" gazes pensively at Elizabeth Hunter who models a grey broadcloth jumper dress and blue silk blouse soon to go to some child overseas.



Janet Manning, posing thoughtfully in a white muslin dress, is one of several Springfield children who help Miss Purves by trying on the clothes she makes.



In the looking glass Marjorie Edgelow sees a reflection of herself wearing a grey wool dress with silk polka dot front. Miss Purves puts several remnants together for a pretty dress like this.



Needle and Thread

As her contribution to Victory, Western Traffic woman completes 500 garments for war refugee children

SOMEWHERE in war-ravaged Europe five hundred refugee children are wearing clothes made by Mary L. Purves, Western Division Traffic Department employee in Springfield.

For three years Miss Purves and her sister, Jennie D. Hayes, have fashioned warm, attractive garments from cast-off clothing and scraps of material they have collected, and remnants bought with funds they have raised at food sales and card parties.

Five hundred children's dresses, blouses and skirts, jackets and hats and other garments, including many knitted articles, have been finished by these two women and shipped overseas.

It was hard work, painstaking work—and for Miss Purves and her sister, their sole reward is the gratification that comes in the thought that they have helped in a small way to alleviate the sufferings of innocent victims of Nazi aggression.

Here are some of their most recently finished clothes, modeled for *Topics* by Springfield children who often stop in to help with a fitting.



Jennie D. Hayes, who is Miss Purves' sister and partner in the war relief project, has had a large part in the making of over 500 garments. Here she is at the sewing machine, with Nonny Edgelow who models a percale school dress.



Little Dorothy Johnston and dolly "Jean" are happy to know that some homeless child will have this cream wool dress with pointed edging.



Nancy and Shirley Johnston, sisters, like to model Miss Purves' clothes for children. Here they wear a grey wool mixture dress and a broadcloth skirt and silk bolero blouse.

Excerpts from the daily mail



FROM THE PUBLIC RELATIONS PROGRAM, OCTOBER 1, 1943

"It is our place to perform each act of our daily work so skillfully and promptly that we will maintain a service as free as is possible from errors, delays or interruptions despite heavy and spotty demands. It is to render our services in such a spirit and in such a manner that the public will recall their dealings with telephone people as a bright spot against the dark background of war. It is to maintain a pride as to the past and a faith as to the future of our business, to have confidence in each other as fellow workers and to work cooperatively together."

FROM A LYNN CUSTOMER

"May I take this opportunity to say a sincere thank you to you and your operating staff for your many courtesies. Three or four times during the past few years we have had emergency work during the times of deaths of my father and mother and another relative. Especially do I appreciate the extraordinary service given me at the time of my father's death three years ago."

FROM U. S. ARMY AIR FORCE

"This officer wishes to express appreciation for the manner in which the recent moving of our switchboard and other telephone equipment was handled by the personnel of your company. The change-over was made without interruption and the spirit of cooperation evidenced by your personnel is certainly commendable."

the blackout. Let me assure you that the service I received could not be improved upon."

FROM U. S. SECRET SERVICE

"We have been advised of the special telephone installations made by your company at Brighton, Mass., for the use of Prime Minister Churchill of England on the occasion of his recent visit to Cambridge. Please accept our sincere gratitude for your cooperation in providing these important communication facilities. The arrangements are most satisfactory and your department is to be congratulated."

FROM MASS. STATE GUARD

"Please accept sincere appreciation for the very excellent manner in which telephone calls were handled during the mobilization test of last evening during

FROM MASS. CIVILIAN DEFENSE

"The cooperation of the telephone operating personnel in the recent tragic plane crash in Cheshire impresses on me that when the part the telephone is playing in the War Effort may be told, not the least chapter will be the one devoted to its part in Civilian Defense."

FROM A BOSTON REALTOR

"From the young lady who arranged temporary service to the men who did the installing of temporary and permanent phones, under freezing conditions,

. . . . A bright spot against the dark background of war are these excerpts from letters received from satisfied customers. They are important in that they reflect the continued effort of telephone people to maintain the good public relations that have marked our efforts to render efficient and pleasing service

after the fire in the Amory and Blake Buildings, the cooperation and efficiency of all was admirable."

FROM A QUINCY CUSTOMER

"Two radiators in my home burst and water was flying in all directions. It scared me so that I stood in the middle of the floor, unable to think, when suddenly my telephone loomed up. Your supervisor calmly and efficiently told me what to do and prevented a disaster."

FROM A MELROSE CUSTOMER

"When a member of my family was stricken with a hemorrhage, our doctor refused to make a night visit. The operator called several doctors who refused. Finally her own doctor came. The patient had to be taken to the hospital to stop the bleeding. Your operator saved his life."

FROM A BOSTON CUSTOMER

"About 1 o'clock Saturday morning my child became very ill. I tried but couldn't seem to reach a doctor. I called the operator. She was courteous and considerate and located a doctor for me.

Thanks to your operator and the doctor the baby soon recovered."

FROM A WORCESTER CUSTOMER

"I want to thank your service men who assisted my mother when she fell on the ice yesterday morning sustaining a fracture of the leg. Please convey my thanks to those men whose first aid prevented further injury and added to Mother's comfort while awaiting medical care."

FROM THE PUBLIC RELATIONS PROGRAM, OCTOBER 1, 1943

"A good tone of service is built on the foundation of a technical job well done and is crowned by a natural expression of a kindly spirit. It consists of an alert and sympathetic attitude that on occasion will lead to the special act which may help or may merely please a customer. It is made of attentiveness and is marked by consideration for the feelings of others."

FROM A SPRINGFIELD INDUSTRIAL CONCERN

"Again you have helped us through a

most trying period of moving involving both office and factory changes. Not only do we appreciate the complete assignment of your facilities to our changes, but we want you to know of the outstanding cooperative attitude of your people."

FROM A U. S. SENATOR

"Just a line to express my appreciation of the fine work which your repair crew did on the telephone line in Temple, N. H., which runs to our home in Greenville. The men worked under great difficulty but they were most cooperative and helpful and did a splendid and very expeditious job. Your company is to be congratulated."

FROM THE WAC

"Thank you for your cooperation in helping us establish the teletypewriting section of the Experimental Typewriting School. The excellent suggestions made by your representative have been used to advantage in training. Your representative did an excellent job in giving the group a talk which stimulated their interest and desire to learn teletyping."

FROM GRENIER FIELD, N. H.

"The telephone cable at Grenier Field damaged on March 8 carried many circuits used by the operating personnel at this base. Without the work of your repair crews, efficient operation of our communications system would not have been possible."

FROM MASS. SAFETY COMMITTEE

"I want to say how helpful your staff was to the Committee on Public Safety. They knew how to take messages over the telephone accurately and were able to cope with the confusion. I want the night operators who covered our board to know that they were invaluable."

FIREMAN, SAVE THAT COAL!

IF the class on Turning on the Heat will come to order, Professor Clinker will give his lecture on, "So You Converted to Coal."

The Professor assumes that most of his students already have a fire going and that their concern now is how to *keep* it going all season without a single blackout. It's simple—when you know how.

Keep a deep fuel bed, regardless of the weather. This is more economical and more efficient; it prevents the fire from going out and it saves frequent trips to the furnace.

If you've had the habit of merely opening the firing door and throwing on a few shovelfuls of coal, chances are your fire and your family have suffered. For better results, try this procedure:

First, shake the grates gently with two or three long, full strokes. Then follow with a few short strokes until the first red glow appears in the ashpit. When you see the glow, stop.

Now take the shovel and pull a mound of live, red coals to the front of the fire box. This helps to ignite the fresh coal and burns off the gases. Don't disturb the layer of ashes under the live coals. Then shovel on new coal on a level with the firing door, sloping it toward the back of the fire box.

Before leaving the basement, dampen the ashes slightly and remove them from the ashpit. Close the check damper and open the ashpit damper until the fire gets going. How you set the dampers after that depends upon the weather and the amount of heat required.

During milder weather you should not have to refuel more than once or twice a day. In colder weather more trips may be necessary. For night banking shake the grates only if necessary to make room for enough coal to last through the night. Smaller size coal



Air leaks reduce heating efficiency and waste fuel. Here the flame of a lighted candle is used to find them. When the flame is drawn into the furnace, the lady has found a leak. It's easily sealed with furnace or asbestos cement.

helps hold the fire back. Remember to remove the ashes and adjust the dampers so that the fire will get enough air to keep going.

Correct firing is more essential than ever in these days of fuel shortages. It helps the family budget and it saves fuel needed in war industries.

No matter what fuel you're using, you'll use less if you check your house and furnace for "heat leaks." Also avoid overheating, or the heating of unnecessary spaces like unused rooms, bedrooms, basements or storage corners. Remove barriers that keep heat from spreading, such as furniture in front of radiators, screens and covers around radiators. Don't waste hot water; use it sparingly and keep faucets and pipes in good repair. Pull shades to bottom of windows and draw curtains at night.

Happy heating!

Dr. Manson Named A. T. & T. Medical Director

DR. MELVILLE H. MANSON has been appointed Medical Director of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, effective November 1, succeeding Dr. Cassius H. Watson, who retired October 1 under the Bell System plan of retirement at age 65.

Dr. Manson entered the Bell System in 1940 as Medical Director of Bell Telephone Laboratories, and since July 1942 has been Medical Director of the New York Telephone Company. He is a graduate of the University of Minnesota Medical Schools and has served as teaching fellow and instructor in surgery at the University of Minnesota Hospitals. He is a fellow of the American College of Surgeons and in 1937, as special representative of that organization, made a survey of surgical training facilities in the United States.



Dr. Melville H. Manson

Long Distance Surgery

A PHILADELPHIA business man lay near death on an operating table in Montreal. Critically hurt in an auto-truck accident, he had sustained severe head injuries which resulted in pressure on the brain.

Five leading brain specialists looked at the x-rays and went into action, but first attempts to relieve the pressure failed. Then someone suggested that they consult with a surgeon in Boston who had had much experience with the special problems involved.

A long distance telephone call revealed that the Boston doctor was in Pinehurst, N. C. Another call reached him immediately, and the life-or-death telephone conference was on.

The five Canadian doctors, each stationed at a telephone, gave the American surgeon a detailed description of the man's injuries. This took 35 minutes. For the next 10 or 15 minutes, the doctor in Pinehurst reviewed the

case to be sure he understood everything, and then suggested ways to relieve the brain pressure.

The Canadian specialists rolled up their sleeves and went back to work. Two more operations were performed with success.

Al Harris of N. W. Ayer and Son, Philadelphia advertising agency, was the man on the operating table. He's on the road to recovery now. All he knows about the dramatic telephone conference is what he's been told.

"I was only a patient at *that* conference," he wrote to friends recently. "Thanks to all concerned, including the telephone, I am in better brain condition than ever before."

WACS PLUG FOR VICTORY

on Allied HQ Switchboard

AN American general lifts a telephone at Allied Headquarters in the Mediterranean area and speaks:

"Gypsy Lee 123."

He's placing a telephone call upon which the lives and military fortunes of thousands of fighting men may depend. His manner is stern, intent. Farthest from his mind are the Broadway stage and Gypsy Rose Lee.

But a smile may appear for an instant on the face of the Wac operator who took the call at the switchboard. For Gypsy Lee is the name of a telephone exchange within the network connected to Allied Headquarters.

Names of the exchanges are fantastic concoctions usually suggested by the various combat or operating units in a spirit of fun. The names are changed frequently. Some used in the past include Hot Box, Frock Coat, Auntie, Rattlesnake, Frantic, Mildew, Radish, and of course, Gypsy Lee.

You probably have read recently what a grand job the Wacs are doing overseas as telephone operators. Army men continue to heap praise upon them, and this praise confirms what Bell System people have known for a long time—that women can operate switchboards better than men.

100% Improvement

The international switchboard at Allied Headquarters is one of the busiest, and certainly one of the most important in the world. Since the Wacs arrived and replaced men at the board, service has improved 100 per cent, says General W. B. Smith, chief of staff at headquarters.

In performing this vital service the Wacs are exemplifying the great record being made by telephone women in thousands of other areas where the war's progress depends on good telephone service. Through the circuits of the North African system are transmitted important instructions and commands which move troops and ships throughout the Mediterranean area.

In handling these calls, the Wacs are "following through" on the work of hundreds of thousands of telephone women at home who have helped to put the men and materials in striking distance of the enemy.

A Military Secret

The Allied switchboard is so strategically essential that its location is a strict



Operators from the ranks of the WAC put through calls in many languages at the Allied Headquarters switchboard in the Mediterranean area.

military secret and is subject to frequent moving. Operators cannot mention its whereabouts. Buildings which have housed it from time to time are camouflaged and protected against bombing.

It's an exciting and unusual switchboard, too, because it serves people who speak many different languages. The Wac operators are becoming skilled linguists. Those who were language experts before their enlistments serve as interpreters.

When the two people on the line aren't able to speak the same language, the interpreter sits in on the conversation at a third telephone. She not only interprets the words of each person to the other, but also the shades of meaning as indicated by voice inflections, emphasis, and the expressions peculiar to certain dialects.

Bell System Trained

Most of the Wacs assigned to the Allied switchboards have had previous experience in the Bell System. Some of the others were trained on the job. They are housed in a modern city apartment building. During spare time, they shop, swim, take part in a physical education program, go sight-seeing and help entertain servicemen at canteen dances.

Military men leave no doubt as to their preference for women operators. Here's the way it was put by General J. V. Matejka, Chief Signal Officer of the Allied Force Headquarters.

"Bell Telephone Companies use women because of their greater manual dexterity, their greater aptitude for the work and because the very nature of their voices is superior for the purpose. The wisdom of this policy has certainly been proven to us since the first Wacs reported here."

Signal Corps Affiliated Plan Terminated

MAJOR GENERAL HARRY C. INGLES has paid high tribute to the 5,000 Bell System men who formed the nucleus for many Signal Corps units under terms of the affiliated plan recently concluded.

In a letter to the A. T. & T. Company, the Chief Signal Officer said:

"The achievements of the men and the units in the service of our country will be forever inscribed in the annals of the Signal Corps."

General Ingles cited the wholehearted participation in the plan by the Bell System and its Associated Companies, and added:

"I wish to extend my appreciation to both the officers and employees of your organization who so unhesitatingly devoted their time and effort in making the plan a success."

In reply, A. T. & T. Vice President Keith S. McHugh, said in part:

"I am sure that all Bell System people take pride in the fact that our men who entered the service under this plan had the experience and training which has proven of value to the Army and to the country in this emergency."

The affiliated plan was worked out between the Signal Corps and the telephone industry long before Pearl Harbor. Through it, nearly 5,000 Bell System employees of considerable experience volunteered for specific positions, were recommended by their companies, and were selected by the Signal Corps as qualified for those assignments. Of these men more than 3,000 became technicians and non-commissioned officers. The great majority was enrolled in specialists' "cadres," or groups, which provided a nucleus of skilled telephone men within many Signal Corps units, but a number of officers were assigned to staff positions or became post signal officers at army air bases.



Major General Harry C. Ingles

Along the

★ TELEPHONE FRONT



Riveters and rivet-buckers at the Boeing Airplane Company, Wichita, Kan., use the world's shortest telephone line to communicate with each other on the progress of their work. Notice the throat microphones now widely used throughout the Air Forces. Although the riveters are only twelve inches apart, they are separated by a wall of metal through which they can communicate by no means except the telephone.

An important part of Lt. Gen. Joseph Stilwell's program to train the Chinese Army in modern warfare tactics is an artillery training school somewhere in China. American field artillery instructors staff the school where Chinese patriots learn how to use artillery effectively in an offensive against the Japs.



As soon as a radio report is received at Fleet Headquarters that a plane is in trouble and is about to attempt a water landing, operations calls "emergency" and gives the approximate position of the expected crash. Here First Sergeant Noel Mays takes a call while Lieutenant L. A. Jones checks the spot on a chart. The telephone is never left unattended.

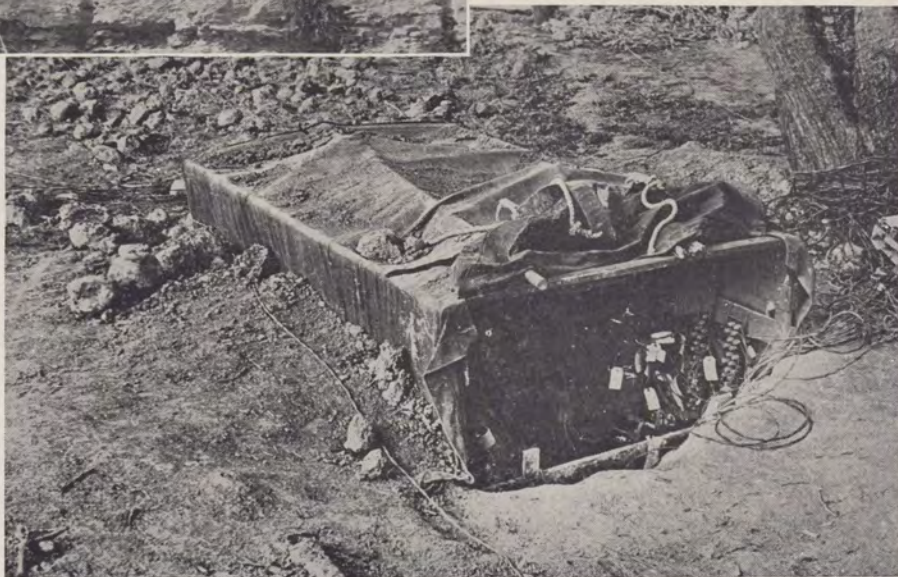


In a factory making parts for other war plants, this production control board shows the status of each order in process. Information on each job is made possible by telephone communication between foremen and the supervisor shown here. Different colored pegs indicate the date on which the job is scheduled to be finished and its present status.



These heavily equipped men are clambering up the beach ridge as a part of an intensive invasion training course under the direction of the Fifth Army commanded by Lieutenant General Mark W. Clark. Although they underwent most of their training in Algeria, North Africa, it was in Southern Europe, as communiques have told us, that they put their specialized training to good use.

The Telephone Fights on All Fronts



This canvas-covered dugout housed a division switchboard installation up in the front lines during the successful invasion of Southern Italy. Signal Corps men with their telephone equipment were among the first to leap ashore bringing the communications facilities vital to effective operations. Signal Corps photographers took this shot.



This is one of several centralized files in an airplane plant, made feasible by telephone communications. The plan facilitates access to manufacturing records and schedules and permits more efficient use of telephone lines.



The Spirit of Communication atop the A.T.&T. building in New York had visitors recently who gave the 16-ton statue its periodic inspection. The 27-year-old symbol had its gold leaf coating touched up and stands forth in gleaming splendor.



This commander is using a Signal Corps radio in an M-3 tank. These men study hard mastering the tanks until they can direct them with deadly accuracy against any enemy. The radio keeps them in touch with headquarters.

Telephone Employees Support War Fund Drives

WHEREVER campaigns are held in behalf of Community Funds and, as is the case this year, the National War Fund, they get liberal support from telephone people. The support the men and women of our Company give in their communities is not only in the form of money contributions but often in the form of many hours of active work. It is one of the reasons why telephone employee groups are so often the recipients of the compliments of their fellow citizens.

In the territory of our Company many cities and towns this year have already held their fall campaigns for their home agencies and for the larger ones of national and international scope which the war has created. Other campaigns are well under way and still others are swinging into action during November. As usual, telephone workers are in the thick of these cooperative enterprises, helping to bring them deserved success.

Headed this month for the success it customarily enjoys is the 1944 Greater Boston United War Fund campaign, so named because it is the union of the area's long standing Community Fund and the newer National War Fund into one appeal for the money the member organizations of each Fund need to carry on their work. The goal in this united

campaign, which will be under way on November 1 and continue until November 24, is \$7,500,000.

The agencies of the Greater Boston Community Fund which will benefit from the campaign include 264 hospitals and charitable and welfare organizations serving 54 cities and towns in the metropolitan area. Of the \$7,500,000 to be raised, \$5,500,000 will be distributed among these agencies.

The \$2,000,000 sum for the National War Fund is Greater Boston's share in a country-wide goal of \$125,000,000. The organizations which will receive allotments from this fund are the USO, the United Seamen's Service, War Prisoners Aid, Refugee Relief Trustees, the U. S. Committee for the Care of European Children, and the United Nations Relief Societies, including those for Belgium, Britain, China, Czechoslovakia, France, Greece, Holland, Luxembourg, Norway, Poland, Russia and Yugoslavia.

Within the Company the following committee is in charge of the solicitation of the 9400 employees in the Greater Boston area: John W. Chapman (chairman), John W. Kenney, Jr. (vice-chairman), William P. Brennan, Allan E. Brickett, Roy E. Crosby, Archie W. Favour, George C. Hinckley, Andrew Schultz, Robert W. Stokes, Erskine N.



This quintet of telephone employees is now on the job at the Greater Boston United War Fund campaign headquarters: David B. Rost, Jeanie H. Bartley, Marguerite W. Scanlon, Agnes G. Dempsey, and Harold E. Tarr.

White, John B. Atkins, John C. Carraher, Frank J. Doyle, Margaret L. Fearon, George M. Hynes, Edward C. Michaud, Joseph D. Murphy, Timothy F. Murphy, Charlesworth K. Neilson, Mary A. Ruby, Andrew P. Sorenson, Frank S. Sullivan, James W. Thompson, Clarence W. Baier, James D. Fitzgerald, Forrest E. Tarr, Katherine M. Thomson and H. Ray Wilson.

Helping these committee members will be several hundred other employees in the active job of signing up contributors. In addition, five employees of the Company are on the job at the campaign's headquarters as temporary members of the United War Fund's administrative organization.



The Company Committee for the Boston United War Fund campaign at a meeting on October 8 held in the Directors' Room, 50 Oliver Street, Boston.

Underground Cable Goes Aerial On Bridge Job

The job and the men who did it. Stretching across the river is the temporary cable suspension at the site of the new Moody St. bridge, Waltham. L. to r.: J. Johnson, J. Moran, C. Johnson, J. McKinney, D. MacGillivray, G. Sutherland, J. Dober, O. Teletchea, J. Hurley and A. Chaisson.



IF YOU have heard the story about the automobile that was so old that its owner jacked up the horn and ran another car under it, you can get a pretty fair idea of the temporary cable suspension project recently undertaken by Metropolitan Plant Department engineers.

It happened in Waltham, Mass., when the municipal government of the Watch City decided to rebuild the Moody Street Bridge spanning the Charles River because of the structure's unsafe condition.

Notwithstanding all attempts to keep well ahead of this project, notification was received on September 23, that the contract for rebuilding the bridge had been awarded. On September 24, the engineers contacted the contractor who informed them that the existing bridge was to be completely demolished and a new bridge built in its place; hence, it would be necessary to remove all cables from the old bridge. At this

time it was found that the work of removing the old bridge actually had been started.

Plans covering the replacement of existing cables with temporary aerial cables outside the range of bridge operations were immediately completed and an estimate prepared to cover this work as well as final restoration of cables on completion of new bridge. The total cost of this work was found to be \$12,500 and the time element involved in placing and splicing the temporary aerial cables and removing existing cables amounted to 30 days. When the contractor was informed as to the time required, he stated that under such circumstances he would be unable to meet his construction schedule which required that the new bridge be constructed and made passable for vehicular traffic in advance of the Christmas shopping rush.

In view of this situation, various other plans for maintaining telephone service

during bridge operations were discussed with the contractor, who finally agreed that if the cables on the bridge could be raised and supported temporarily in a manner which would provide a clearance of four feet or more, he would be able to build the new bridge without interferences since the new bridge will be of the concrete arch type.

Plans were then rushed to set the necessary poles and supporting fixtures for temporarily suspending the existing cables using the catenary form of construction and suspending the cables by means of rope ties. Four full-sized telephone cables and one municipal signal cable were involved. The entire project was completed in 4½ days at a cost of approximately \$1,500. All cables rising at each terminating pole have been protected by wood boxing as a safeguard against damage. On completion of the new bridge it is planned to lower these cables into split creosoted wood conduit which will be placed at the proper time.



Did You Know That

Orange juice loses Vitamin C value if left uncovered?

The use of soda for cooking vegetables destroys Vitamin C?

Uncooked meats should be stored in refrigerator *uncovered*?

Cooked meats should be stored in refrigerator *covered*?

Eggs should be kept in refrigerator *uncovered*?

Vegetables should be cooked in very little water to retain food value?

Vegetable water should be saved for gravies, sauces and soups?

Frozen foods should be cooked while frozen—they should not be thawed first?

FLORIDA ORANGE CAKE

4 eggs	2 teaspoons baking powder
1/2 cup sugar	1/4 teaspoon salt
3/4 cup corn syrup	Orange Filling
Grated rind 1 orange	Boiled Frosting
1/2 cup orange juice	7 orange sections
1 1/3 cups sifted cake flour	

Beat eggs until frothy and almost white. Add sugar and corn syrup gradually, beating constantly. Add orange rind and juice, mixing only enough to thoroughly blend. Sift flour, baking powder and salt. Fold into first mixture. Line the bottom of a pan (12 x 8 x 2 inches) with wax paper. Pour in cake mixture and bake in a moderate oven (350° F.) 35 minutes. Let cake remain in pan until cool. Remove from pan and cut into 3 equal parts. Put layers together with Orange Filling. Frost with 7-minute or Boiled Frosting to which has been added the grated rind of one Florida orange. Decorate the top with Florida orange sections.

NEW BOOKS

By Clifton Fadiman

THE HIDDEN ENEMY

by Heinz Pol

Complete, factual, highly interesting proof that our enemies are not the "Nazis but the Pan-Germans who preceded them and who will survive them." The author believes that unless we awaken to the fact that our real enemies use the Nazis as a mere disguise, we may lose the peace just as we did in 1919, and prepare the way for a third German offensive against the world.

BATTLE HYMN OF CHINA

by Agnes Smedley

Experiences of an American journalist with the Eighth Route Army and with both the politicians and people of war-torn China. Lots of fresh, hard-hitting material.

WHAT TO DO WITH ITALY

by Gaetano Salvemini and George La Piana

A clear-sighted statement of the case for dealing only with the democratic Italy. By implication, a severe criticism of our present Italian policy.

HIGHWAY TO TOKIO

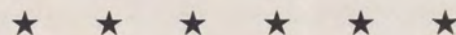
by Joseph Rosenfarb

Brief, penetrating analysis of the only possible strategy that we can employ in the Pacific. It happens to be the one we have actually chosen.

THE INVASION OF GERMANY

by Kurt Reiss

Complements the above book. A discussion of invasion routes, what we may expect from the underground movement, etc. Makes clear that Germany *must* be defeated on her own soil.



Precautions Against Food Poisoning in the Home

Certain types of food poisoning come from the poisonous action of germs working in food; the germs may have come from the hands of unhealthy food handlers, from dirt, flies or other insects coming in contact with the food while it was uncovered. Or the spoilage may come from improper refrigeration.

Contaminated creamed foods, custards, left-over meats, especially the processed and so-called cold cuts, gravies, salad dressings, pastries with cream or similar fillings, and Hollandaise sauce are all common offenders.

PRECAUTIONS

1. Cover or screen food to protect from flies or insects.
2. Before eating unpeeled raw food, wash it thoroughly.
3. Place uncooked foods immediately in the refrigerator.
4. Keep most foods in covered containers except for uncooked meats which should be covered lightly with waxed or oiled paper.
5. Persons with sore throats should not handle food before the nature of their illness is determined. Persons known as typhoid carriers or having a communicable skin disease should not handle food at all.

6. Be clean in preparing and serving foods. Wash your hands.
7. Place creamed foods, custards and pastry fillings in the refrigerator as soon as possible and keep at 50° or lower until ready to use and serve. Allowing these foods to stand at room temperatures for long periods promotes bacterial action.
8. Put all left-overs, especially meats, fish, gravies, sauces, in the refrigerator as soon as cooled to room temperature. Keep them there until ready to serve.
9. Keep hot foods hot from the time of preparation until the time of serving, or else cool immediately and refrigerate until ready to serve.
10. Use meats, fish, fresh fruits and vegetables soon after purchase to prevent spoilage.
11. Keep meats, fish and poultry refrigerated at a temperature of 30 to 32° F.

Canned Foods

There is a bacillus or "bug" found in soil in certain sections of the country which is transmitted to foods grown in this soil, and in such a state that it usually takes cooking temperatures above boiling to kill the bug. Foods most likely to develop this poison are all vegetables

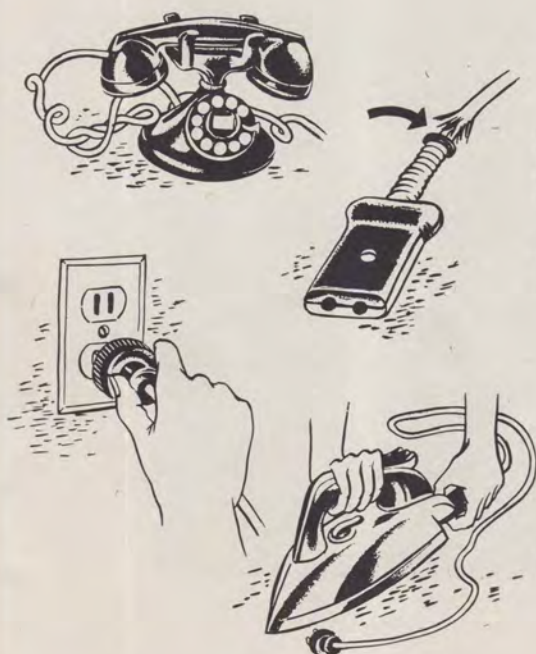


Avoid a dangerous form of food poisoning by allowing food to cool to room temperature before covering it and putting it in refrigerator.

(except tomatoes), meats, fish and poultry.

PRECAUTIONS

1. Inspect all foods and containers. Bulging cans, bad odor, or any change from normal color and appearance means that the food should not be eaten or even tasted.
2. All home-canned vegetables (except tomatoes), meat, fish and poultry should be heated to the boiling point for ten minutes after removing from the container. *Do not taste first.*



How to Prolong the Life of Electric and Telephone Cords

Every day you add to the life of electric appliance and telephone cords, you are contributing just that much to the war effort by helping to stretch the available supply of vitally-needed copper and rubber.

Here are some simple ways of caring for home front "lifelines":

1. Keep all cords free from kinks, sharp twists and knots. With telephone cords, this means straightening them whenever they become tangled. When electrical cords are disconnected from appliances, hang the cords over large, round wooden pegs or over two or more metal hooks, or coil them loosely. Hang or coil it so that the same spot doesn't always get the rub or bend. If the cord is attached permanently, wrap it loosely around the appliance, being sure to let the heating appliance cool first.
2. Don't run lamp or telephone cords under a rug. They wear out more quickly from being walked on, and the lamp cord may be a fire hazard there.
3. Never detach the electric cord from an appliance while the current is on. Instead, pull the plug from the outlet, or current source, first to avoid sparking which slowly destroys the metal of the terminals and makes replacement necessary.
4. Keep all cords dry. Even rubber-covered ones will age more quickly if wet frequently. Clean with a soft brush or a dry dust cloth, never with cleaning fluid. The latter might deteriorate the rubber and other insulation materials.
5. To disconnect from electrical appliances, grasp the plug, not the cord. Pull it straight out, or if it sticks, rock it gently from side to side as you pull to loosen one connection at a time.
6. Stapling or nailing cords to wall or baseboard is likely to injure the copper wire inside.
7. Keep cords in repair. If the covering is worn off appliance or light wires, the result may be a short circuit, a fire, or dangerous electrical shock.

Looking to Winter



Look to a hand-crocheted beret and handbag (Pattern No. PC1295) to complement your smoothest daytime dresses.



Butterick Pattern No. 2613
revives an old black
dress with one yard of
new contrasting fabric.



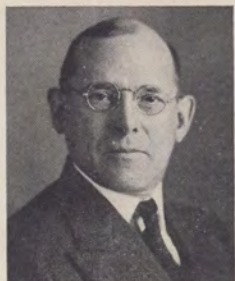
Smartly and warmly dressed, you'll look well-groomed and efficient
on the job in a snuff brown spun rayon jumper dress. Rayons which
have passed dry-cleaning tests retain their shape and lovely colors
after many cleanings.



On shivery days you'll welcome the extra warmth
of this four-button, boxy jacket. For knitting di-
rections No. 415, or other patterns offered here,
send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Pris-
cilla, c/o TELEPHONE TOPICS.

Warm and pretty you'll be,
in this 1943 version of the
fascinator shawl. It requires
only three skeins of cotton
rug yarn and a few hours'
crocheting. Ask for crochet
Pattern 1043.





45th
Guy F. Jones
Central Plant



40th
Homer R. Silsby
Eastern Plant

SERVICE

Anniversaries



40th
Lawrence E. Cantwell
Metropolitan Plant



40th
Michael F. Maloney
Central Plant



40th
William Fraser
Central Plant

40 YEARS' SERVICE

Eric J. Erickson, Metropolitan Plant
George V. Whittaker, Metropolitan Plant

35 YEARS' SERVICE

Orland R. Belyea, General Plant
George H. Campbell, Western Plant
William A. Roleau, Western Plant



35th
Thomas A. Long
Metropolitan Plant



35th
Georgina J. F. Weddell
Western Traffic



35th
James E. Coggins
Southern Plant

30 YEARS' SERVICE

William A. Donahoe, Metropolitan Accounting
Leonard Jellis, Metropolitan Plant
Joseph J. Barry, Metropolitan Plant
James Dineen, Eastern Plant
Edwin Harwood, Western Plant
Annie G. Dowling, Metropolitan Traffic
Margaret L. Sullivan, Central Traffic
Rose A. MacDonald, Southern Traffic
Mary J. McCann, Southern Traffic
Catherine L. O'Connor, Southern Traffic
Leona D. Flanagan, Western Traffic
Hilaire A. Regnier, Western Traffic



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Patrick J. Welch
Metropolitan Plant



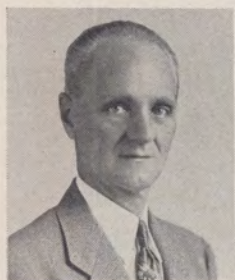
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Alfred A. Richard
Southern Plant



30th
John Neumyer
Metropolitan Plant

25 YEARS' SERVICE

Helen A. Mann, Metropolitan Accounting
Elizabeth A. O'Brien, Metropolitan Accounting
Mary T. Burke, Central Accounting
Gladys H. Coughlin, Southern Accounting
Catherine A. Caulfield, General Accounting
Harriet L. Naldrett, Metropolitan Commercial
Ralph H. Heit, Western Commercial
Edwin F. Foye, Metropolitan Plant
John A. MacMillan, Metropolitan Plant
Bernice H. Noel, Central Plant
Mildred E. Seavey, Eastern Plant
Claude E. G. Cain, Western Plant
Irene M. Franey, Metropolitan Traffic
Gertrude V. Hayden, Metropolitan Traffic
Mary T. Wilson, Metropolitan Traffic
Gertrude B. White, Central Traffic
Ellen K. Keane, Central Traffic
F. Florida Blanchette, Southern Traffic
Mabel A. Drew, Southern Traffic
Sarah C. McCabe, Southern Traffic
Bernice S. Stanley, Southern Traffic
Susan M. Clark, Eastern Traffic
Mabel L. Freeman, Western Traffic
Katherine J. Garrity, Western Traffic



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Harold Ormerod
Southern Plant



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Ralph K. Manning
General Accounting

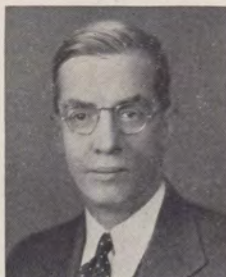


30th
Thomas P. McGourty
Equipment Installation

RECENT *Changes*



Barbara Brown
from Service Representative at Cambridge
to Coach at Bowdoin Square



Richard W. Sullivan
from Appraisal Engineer to Valuation and
Depreciation Engineer, Gen'l Engineering, Boston



Jeremiah J. Brennan
from Budget Engineer to Construction Program
Engineer, General Engineering, Boston



Carol A. Murnane
from Coach at Bowdoin Square to Business
Office Supervisor at Cambridge



Catherine F. Daly
from Coach to Business Office Supervisor
at Cambridge



Charles E. Loud
from Special Studies Engineer to Appraisal
Engineer, General Engineering, Boston

The Telephone Hour PROGRAMS

November 8 to November 29, 1943

NBC Network

Monday Evening, 9-9:30

Eastern War Time

(Programs always subject to change)

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Program No. 185 November 8, 1943

Non Piu Andrai from
"The Marriage of Figaro"Mozart
Nelson Eddy
MelodieTschaikowsky
Orchestra
Through the Years from
"Smilin' Through"Youmans
Tower of BabelMacGimsey
Nelson Eddy
Carnaval OvertureGlazounoff
Orchestra
The Lost ChordSullivan
Nelson Eddy

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Program No. 186 November 15, 1943

HillsLaForge
Last Night the Nightingale Woke Me ..Kjerulf
Helen Traubel
Cossack Dance from "Mazeppa" ..Tschaikowsky
Orchestra
My Bill from "Show Boat"Kern
Helen Traubel
Sextette from
"Lucia di Lammermoor"Donizetti
Orchestra
Adieu Forets from "Joan of Arc" ..Tschaikowsky
Helen Traubel

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Program No. 187 November 22, 1943

Oath of AllegianceChristie
James Melton and Chorus
Autumn Frolics from
"Woodland Sketches"Herbert
Orchestra
WitnessSpiritual
arr. Johnson
The Lord's PrayerMarlotte
Song for AmericaSowerby
Chorus and Orchestra

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Program No. 188 November 29, 1943

2nd Regiment MarchReeves
Orchestra
Les Filles de CadizDelibes
Lily Pons
Etude in D FlatLiszt
Orchestra
I'll Follow My Secret HeartCoward
Lily Pons
Romanza AndaluzaSarasate
Orchestra
Una Voce Poca Fa
from "The Barber of Seville"Rossini
Lily Pons



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On Active Duty



TWO EASTERN PLANT MEN. Capt. Wendall S. Boston, left, and Capt. Forsaith Daniels, somewhere in Africa.

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New England Company employees in the Army overseas or with the Navy or Marines outside this country will, from now on, receive the full-size edition of *Telephone Topics* instead of a special miniature edition.

U. S. Postal regulations which, at the beginning of this year, necessitated our sending a lightweight *Topics* to the boys overseas, were lifted a while ago, and in the interests of legibility, economy and speedier delivery, we are discontinuing the "Junior Topics" which required a special printing job and extra handling.



FROM HUNTER COLLEGE Helen K. Athridge, S 2/C, who was an operator at MYSTic, Metro. Traffic, has gone to Stillwater, Okla., for advanced training in the Women's Naval Reserve.

From W. O. James F. Smith, U.S.N.R., Southern Plant, we hear: "Your letter received by me yesterday and sure was happy to hear from you. Thanks loads for writing. Some officer left a July *Topics* at the galley last week for me. Wish I knew who he was. First I'd seen since March. Met a Lt. Paul Cotti, only New Eng. Tel. man so far. He's from Springfield and with a Signal Corps outfit. Saw a lot of African combat territory and made initial attack landing here in Sicily. I'm accustomed to quieter 'beach parties.' Can't beat these 'damn Yankees.' Happen to be electrical officer of first U. S. Naval base established on Axis European territory. Hope I make the next invasion. Every one is a step nearer home."

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Third Class Parachute Rigger Janet Gleason has just completed her basic training with the WAVES at Hunter College, New York City, and is awaiting assignment. Janet recently paid a surprise visit to the office and needless to say all were more than glad to see her bedecked



MAJ. CARROLL E. SCOTT, who was a Toll Testman in Boston Toll, Metropolitan Plant, and now Commanding Officer of the 445th Signal Construc-

tion Battalion (AVN), decorating men of his battalion with the Good Conduct Medal at Camp Pinedale, Fresno, California.

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in her service uniform. The second surprise of her visit was the diamond she was wearing revealing her engagement to Sgt. Rio Casper of the Marine Corps whose home is in North Dakota.

Sgt. Gwen Hamer, former Audit Clerk, is stationed with a Medical Supplies Unit in New Zealand and he also sends his regards to all his friends at 245 State St. and throughout the Company.



These officers are telephone men who are instructors and members of the administrative staff at the U. S. Signal Corps Training Center, Fort Mon-

mouth, N. J. Standing second from left is Lt. Rod-erick E. Mullaney, assistant Officer in Charge, a N. E. Telephone and Telegraph man from Bangor, Me.

Thirteen Plant Men In Service



T/Sgt. Edward J. Dowling, South. Plant, Oswego, N. Y.



Sgt. Leonard E. Donovan, Equip., Camp Swift, Tex.



Robie W. Dimock, T-5, Met. Plant, Signal Comm. School, Andover.



Capt. Elmer W. Dodge, Western Plant, at Camp Bowie, Tex.



S/Sgt. Reino W. Oja, West. Plant, Camp Crowder, Mo.



Flight Officer Joseph E. Downey, Met. Plant, Orlando Air Base, Fla.



LT. COMDR. Harry W. Sawyer, Engineering, now with C.B.'s, Panama.



William W. Drew, E.M. I/C, Met. Plant, Camp Endicott, R. I.



Pvt. William C. Hagan, Met. Plant, Ft. Devens.



Captain Paul A. Dexter, Central Traffic, Brownsville, Texas.



Cpl. Bernard J. Duffy, So. Plant, Ft. Monmouth, N. J.



George L. Drisland, T-5, Met. Plant, Fort Monmouth, N. J.



Philip E. McCarron, E.M. I/C, Met. Plant, Camp Peary, Virginia.



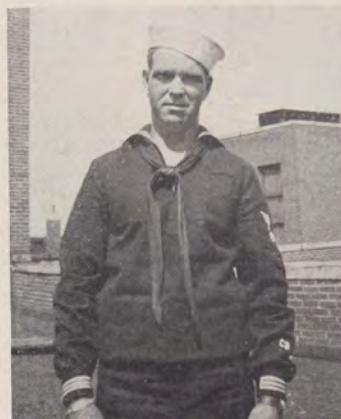
Charles H. Dequan, T-4, Metro. Plant, Sig. Comm. School, Andover.



"EVELYN" is the pigeon's name; the soldier is Raymond Bois, T/5, Southern Plant, on maneuvers in Tenn. Ray keeps communication lines clear.



OPERATING a Private Branch Exchange at WAC Post Headquarters, Merced, Cal., Pfc. Phyllis G. Porteous, Central Traf., is attached to the A.A.F.



JAMES O. TIERNEY, E.M. I/C, who was a Lineman in Eastern Plant, is a member of the Seabees, Davisville, R. I.



IN AFRICAN SUNSHINE Lt. William R. Somerville, Jr., Southern Plant, poses for a snapshot. He is well and glad to be in active service overseas.



ASSIGNED TO COMMUNICATIONS with a rating of Seaman 2/C is Mary F. Fay, Eastern Traffic. She has been moved to Hutchinson, Kan.



FROM EASTERN PLANT Cpl. Hugh J. (Jack) Dougherty went to Fort Monmouth with the Signal Corps. Now he's in N. Y. City.



WITH A NEW RATING of Aviation Radio Technician 2/C, Joseph P. O'Connor, Metropolitan Revenue Accounting, sends greetings from the Naval Air Training Center at Corpus Christi, Tex.

In Africa



(Right) Cpl. Graham J. Champey, Met. Div. Com., with a North African native.



This group of pictures was sent from Africa by Cpl. Charles H. Weeter, Western Com'l, above.



Six in Uniform



Geraldine C. Downey, S 2/C, Met. Traffic, at Charleston, S. C.



Sgt. Louise M. McPhee, Metro. Commercial, at Richmond, Ky.



Aux. Marion Tirrell, Met. Traffic, at O.C.S. in Victorville, Cal.



Maurice W. Gilman, T-5, Eastern Plant, Camp Toccoa, Ga.



James C. Emerson, M.M.M.2/C, Motor Vehicle Dept., now awaiting orders.



Charles A. Price, Jr., E.M. 2/C in the C.B.'s, Western Plant, now in Marines in Cal.

c/o Postmaster



Sgt. Edward D. Donovan, Met. Acctg., overseas.



2d Lt. Howard J. Durkin, Western Plant, overseas.



Lt. Charles H. Donahue, Met. Plant, overseas.



T/Sgt. Harold A. Folkins, Western Plant, overseas.



Bernard J. Riley, E.M. 1/C, Met. Plant, at sea.



M/Sgt. Albert G. Dolan, Met. Bldgs., overseas.



John J. Donahue, Jr., T-5, Met. Plant, overseas.



Raymond W. Dupuis, T-5, West. Plant, Tennessee.



Pfc. Donald A. Cutter, Western Plant, in Tenn.



Joseph W. Farley, T-5, Western Plant, in Tenn.



S/Sgt. Thomas F. Dolan, Equip. Instal., overseas.



Lt. Robert E. Woods, Metro. A.A.F., overseas.



Sgt. William E. Doherty, Central Plant, overseas.



Ruth Aileen Porter, S 2/C, Central Traffic, began her basic training at Hunter College, New York, on May 4. She is now stationed in Communications Office, Naval Air Station, at Olathe, Kansas. Ruth was formerly employed at the Andover exchange.

Close Shave

There's never a dull moment for our men in the Southwest Pacific area, as Lt. Fred E. Gillen, Metropolitan Commercial, points out in a recent letter to the folks in Brookline. He sent them the picture shown here, about which he says:

"This picture was taken when I visited the scene of the battle, or where I almost got mine. One can see the effect of the gunfire



on what used to be dense jungle. The things I am holding are what I left for the Japs when I was wounded. I picked these things up when I returned three months later. The Japs had cut open my pack, and what was left, you can see. In my right hand is my soap dish and shaving brush. In my left hand is my pack, and well-ventilated tin hat. I even picked up several pins from hand grenades that I had thrown into the woods, shown in the background. It seems as though Lady Luck was with me that day, doesn't it?"

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Nelson C. Hoxsie, Jr., Southern Commercial, recently promoted to Captain, has been selected to attend Provost Marshal School of Military Government at Fort Custer, Mich.



LT. DANIEL J. O'BRIEN, Central Coml., with his jeep, named "Danna." His camp is in an olive grove somewhere in Africa, where the Signal Corps boys hauled gravel to make roads.



STATIONED AT MIAMI, Florida, is this Wave, Helen J. Petschke, R.M. 3/C, U.S.N.R., who was with Southern Revenue Accounting. She says, "This will give you an idea of how I look."



Pfc. William E. Rockwood, Central Plant, is stationed at Camp Irvin, Barstow, Cal. Here's the M.P. himself. He was a Cable Splicer's Helper.



AT CAMP CROWDER, T/Sgt. Bartholemew V. Molloy, Western Plant; Maurice W. Gilman, Eastern Plant; Sgt. William J. Walsh, Equipment Installation.

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Dorothy A. Halloran and Doris J. Flatley of the Directory Department have received their ratings as Yeomen 3/C. They are in the SPARS at West Palm Beach, Fla.

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Lt. James J. Slamin, Jr., Equipment Installation, is now stationed "somewhere in India." A letter from him received in the *Topics* office on October 13 indicates that he is in good health.

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"Ray" Drew, General Commercial, who is now a Captain in the Army Air Force, has lately returned from an overseas mission with the Ferry Command. Ray has been attached to the Command since April and is on the staff of its Commanding General. His mail is addressed: Capt. George R. Drew, Headquarters, A.A.F. Ferrying Division, 309 Vine Street, Cincinnati, O.



PROMOTED to First Lieutenant in the Army Air Corps, George T. Hutton, who before his enlistment this year, was in the General Commercial Office, Boston, is now at the Advanced Flying School, in Marianna, Florida.



WHITES ARE BECOMING to General Engineering's Priscilla G. Nelson, who is a Seaman second class in the WAVES. Priscilla trained at Indiana University, is now at Norfolk, Virginia.



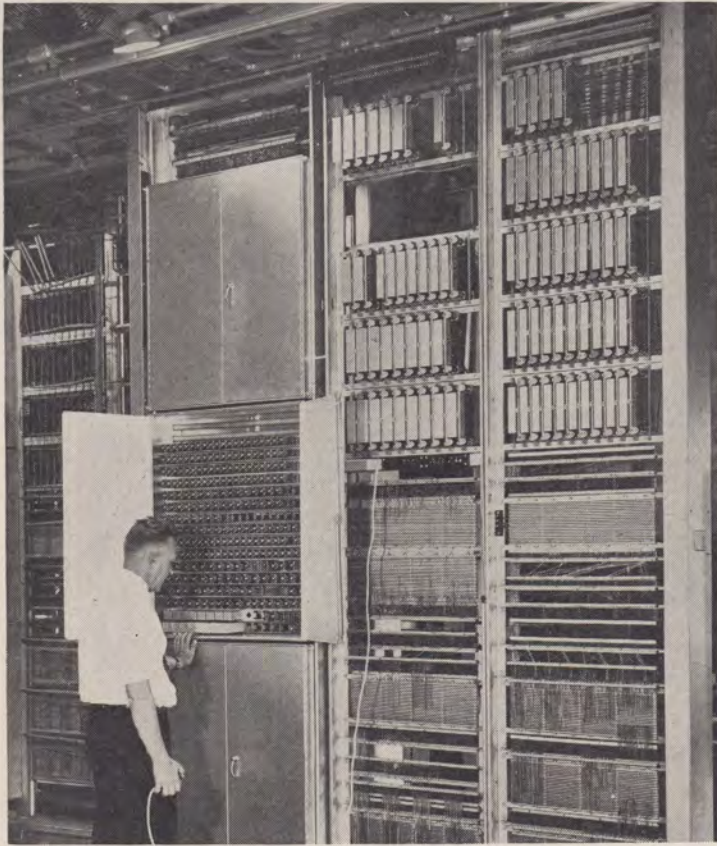
AT FRESNO, CAL., four telephone men from New England smile for the camera. They are, l. to r., T/Sgt. Bartholemew V. Molloy, Western Plant;

T/Sgt. John F. Drummond, Western Plant; T/Sgt. Charles F. Brown, Equipment (now overseas); T/Sgt. Robert W. Burns, Metropolitan Plant.

Equipment Installation News

ASSOCIATE EDITOR

William P. Saunders



FORTY-FIVE FRAME

These new originating markers being tested by P. P. Kresser are part of a forty-five frame addition at the Lynn Cross-bar Office. The work consisted of the installation of addi-

tional three-line link frames, district link frames, office link frames, office extension frames, block relay frames, terminating senders, originating marker, incoming link frames, number group connector frames and eighteen hundred directory numbers.

General Office News

Engagements

Kit O'Malley, former Back Bay Service Representative, now secretary to the General Commercial Manager, recently announced her engagement to Thomas Douglass, U.S.N.R., of Jamaica Plain.

Friends from Back Bay, Oliver Street, Bowdoin Square, and Newton surprised Kit with a shower at the home of Mrs. Paul Trook in Dorchester. She received a pink-beige boudoir chair, a hand-painted tray, sheets and pillow cases, a luncheon cloth, and a china vase.

The engagement of Betty A. Walton to Ens. William H. Nelson, U.S.N.R., has been announced. Miss Walton, recently transferred from Revenue Accounting in Wattertown, is now with the Directory Department.

The engagement of Marjorie A. Johnson of the Directory Dept. to Chief Petty Officer Eric G. Larson, U.S.C.G.R., now stationed at Gulf Sea Frontier, Miami, Fla., has been announced.

The engagement of Gertrude F. Vaughn of General Plant to Robert W. Hatcher of the United States Coast Guard was announced October 11.

Marriages

Marjorie B. Houghton resigned from the Directory Office on September 25 to become the bride of Herbert Hughes on October 9. They will make their home in Roslindale.

Margaret E. Ryan of the Directory Office was married October 20 to Henry Thornton. They will make their home in Dorchester.

Winifred Gardner of the Treasury Department was married on September 3 to Robert J. Mawhinney in Cambridge.

A double shower was tendered Dorothy Proudly and Rita Kelly of the Directory Office on August 24 at The Alpine. Both girls received several gifts.

Miss Proudly became the bride of John A. O'Connell on Sept. 5, at St. Teresa's Church, Everett. Miss Kelly became the bride of George F. Kerivan on Sept. 25 at St. Joseph's Church, Hyde Park.

Leila S. Jackson of the Statistician's Division was married on October 9 in California, to Alexander S. Brogna of the Publicity Department, U. S. Army Air Corps. Before her departure she received many gifts from her Accounting Department friends.

Retires

On October 1 Thomas A. Shephard of the General Accounting Department retired after 40 years' service. A farewell dinner was held in his honor at Steuben's attended by his friends in the office. The day he left he was presented with a War Bond.

Transfer

Mary McGurn who transferred from the Directory Office to Metropolitan Commercial, was guest of honor at a dinner party held at the Renaissance Room, Hotel Touraine, on August 24. Her Directory associates presented Miss McGurn with a fitted case.

Enters Convent

On September 8 Mary G. McDonnell of the Directory Office entered St. Joseph's Novitiate convent at Framingham. She was presented with a gift of money. Also in September Miss McDonnell was feted by more than 40 of her friends at the home of Eleanor Crocker of Allston.



ENGINEERS ENTERTAIN

The Engineering Department played host on October 7 at the Engineers Club, Boston, to Dexter R. Hawley, Inventory and Appraisal Engineer, retiring after 42 years with the Company. After graduating from Tufts College in 1901, Mr. Hawley joined our Company as a stock clerk in the old Electrical Department. After several promotions he was successively Building and Equipment Super-

visor, Plant Superintendent in the Met. Division, Plant Extension Engineer, and Inventory and Appraisal Engineer. F. A. Benham, Chief Engineer, presented Mr. Hawley with a bronze clock and weather barometer and J. C. Fair, President of the Thomas Sherwin Pioneers, presented him with a Pioneer Life Membership Certificate. L. to r.: O. J. Ives, J. C. Fair, D. R. Hawley, R. W. Sullivan, F. A. Benham, G. K. Manson, and F. E. Tarr.

Central Division News

Children Help War Loan

An article in the Andover Townsman mentions Jack Caswell, 12 years old, as co-chairman of a Children's Carnival recently held in the Dunbarton Street Section of Shaw-sheen Village. Peter Caswell, 9 years, also assisted and Betsy Caswell, 4 years, won the award for the prettiest doll carriage. These are all children of Walter C. Caswell, Special Representative in Salem District Commercial.

The affair was held in support of the Third War Loan and was a success beyond expectations. Although none of the youngsters is over twelve, the Carnival grossed \$54.00, with net profits, \$24.00, immediately invested in War Stamps.

Lucky Tom

Tom Swift, Commercial Representative in the Salem District, drew the lucky number for a War Bond offered by the Beverly Rotary Club in connection with their Boys' Work activity. Dan Tower, Beverly Manager, sold the ticket to Tom.

Promotion

Estella M. Nelson, Service Representative in the Haverhill Business Office, has been appointed Senior Service Representative.

Russell L. Norton, Traffic Manager in the Framingham area, was elected governor of the New England district of Kiwanis International on the closing day of the annual convention and war conference at the New Ocean House, Swampscott, in September.



Russell L. Norton



George E. Merrill

Merrill Devises Substitute Name Plate

As the restrictions on the use of metals for civilian purposes increased, it became practically impossible to obtain for new employees the bronze name plates commonly used on the desks in Business Offices to identify individual employees. George E. Merrill, Staff Assistant in the Central Division Commercial Office, turned his attention to solving the problem for his division. It seemed to him that there must be an accumulation of name plates used by former employees and if these were turned in, some way could be found to remove the old names and substitute the names of new employees. He had no difficulty in securing a supply of old plates. He found an engraving concern which would undertake to remove the old lettering and a gold stamping concern which would stamp gold letters on strips of black pebble cloth of suitable size for cementing to the name plates. Experimental plates were made up and proved very satisfactory. The substitutes present an appearance much like the originals except that the lettering is flat instead of raised, which does not materially detract from good appearance.

The idea was brought to the attention of the General Commercial Office and this method of providing name plates has been approved for use in Commercial offices throughout the Company.

From the Solomons

Sally Howe, Business Office Supervisor at Lawrence, has a printed program of the memorial services held at Guadalcanal last March in honor of the hero dead. It was sent her a short time ago by her brother, Sgt. Edward Howe, who is stationed somewhere in the South Pacific.



ACQUAINTANCE ASSEMBLY

On September 29 about 70 Lawrence and Andover operators and guests from other departments, held a get-acquainted party in the Lawrence building. Charlotte Rowan, Margaret Hines and Katherine Dowe played piano selections.

"Voices of Victory" was one of several moving pictures shown. W. F. Atwood, Traffic Mgr., introduced the following guests to new employees: E. T. Bramley, Mgr.; C. W. Baier, Div. Traffic Supt.; C. W. Proctor, Div. Traffic Engineer; D. Heath, Div. Employment Mgr.; G. C. Joyce, District Traffic Supt.; J. Corcoran, Traffic Mgr.



CENTRAL SERVICE REPS

Kathryne E. McKenzie, Division Training Supervisor,

seated, completed this class for Service Reps in September at 245 State Street. Left to right: B. Barry, G. Sprague, J. Morrison, N. Corless, G. Morrison.



"My husband says if I work here until I put back as much as I've taken out in my lifetime, the Crops Corps couldn't ask any more."

Telephone Friendship

Rita Long, Service Representative in the Lowell Business Office, and Virginia Mitchell of Salem Revenue Accounting had become acquainted through telephone conversations but had never met. Recently they decided that they would get together, so, on October 2 they met by arrangement at the Western Union booth at the North Station using their War Service Emblems for identification. So started a new friendship.

Students

New students in the Lowell Traffic force are: Aileen F. Kelleher, Framingham; Patricia M. Sweeney, June B. Littlefield, Haverhill; Mary E. Maher, Mildred L. Sanger, Lowell; Edith A. Fenton, Maynard; Theresa E. Flynn, Natick; Alice M. Cormier, Catherine M. Devine, Walpole.

Leaves for California

Helen McHugh of the Manchester Revenue Accounting Office resigned recently to join her husband on the West Coast. Pfc. William McHugh and Mrs. McHugh will make their home in Pomona, Cal.

Party for Three

On August 13 Central Division Plant and Traffic employees took over General Edwards Inn for a party and tribute to Grace O'Brien, Al Connick, and John Connors, all of the Plant Department.

Grace and Al received best wishes on their marriage which took place in September. Fellow employees presented Al with a check and Grace's present associates in the Plant and former associates in the Traffic Department gave her a bouquet of money.

John Connors, about to leave for the Signal Corps, received a wrist watch from friends in the Company.

About 100 guests attended the dinner and dancing party which was under the supervision of Edward Garvey, chairman, assisted by Jack Heffernan and Thomas O'Malley of Plant, and by Mildred Ordway of Traffic.



MINUTE MAN FLAG

In September Telephone employees in Nashua, N. H., won the Treasury Dept. Minute Man Flag and Certificate of Award because all employees had invested at least 10% of

their salary in War Bonds through payroll deductions. The picture shows Paul Sadler, associate state chairman of the War Savings Staff presenting the certificate to Manager Alonzo J. Ward while acting Chief Operator Florence Berry and Wire Chief E. A. Schmiedel watch.



BEVERLY TO BASIL'S

Co-workers presented Ann Gently Lee of the Beverly Traffic force with a moving picture camera at a dinner given

recently at Basil's in Lynn. Ann is resigning to join her husband, Lt. William Lee, U.S.N., at Oceana Beach, Va. The Sunshine Committee, under B. Kearns, M. Apline, D. Seaburg, took care of arrangements for the party.

Nashua Operators Aid Farmers

In answer to requests from farmers for extra help in harvesting their crops, several of the Nashua operators spent their day off recently picking apples at the Whiting apple orchard near Milford, N. H.

The following girls were in the group: Carolyn Farnum, Arlene Campbell, Agnes Lee, and Katherine Landry. They picked about 95 bushels among them.

Farewell Party

A farewell party was given in honor of Mrs. Albert Ghalen, formerly Catherine Cashman of the Danvers Traffic force. The party was held at Wagon Wheels on the Newburyport turnpike in Danvers.

Mrs. Ghalen received a sum of money from her friends and fellow operators.

In the Army Now

Norman E. Baxter, Collector in the Central Division Coin Box Office, entered the Army on October 18. Before he left, his friends in the Commercial Department decorated his desk and presented him with a writing portfolio, a mechanical pencil, cigarettes and a gift of money. Before becoming a Coin Box Collector, Norman had worked in the Plant Department and for 15 years was night operator at Ipswich.

First Aid for Customer

A customer in the Natick Business Office recently was burned when a book of matches accidentally ignited in his hand. Effie Erickson, Service Representative, gave him first aid using the carbolated petrolatum from the Company's first aid kit.

A week later the customer came in with his hand almost completely cured. Miss Erickson com-

pleted both the Standard and Advanced Red Cross First Aid Courses given at the Framingham Business Office in the past year.





WAVES AT SEAVIEW

Dorothy Morrill and Faithe Kenney of the Beverly Traffic force were guests

at a dinner recently at the Seaview Inn, Beverly. Fellow workers presented gifts of money to the girls, both of whom have been accepted in the WAVES. Chairman Barbara Kearns, Sunshine Committee, was in charge of the party.



HAPPY HOLLENBERG

William H. Hollenberg, Draftsman at 245 State Street, Boston, was promoted to Engineering Assistant at Lowell

on September 27. At a farewell party held at Blinstrub's on September 24, Lester H. Armstrong, Division Plant Engineer, presented Mr. Hollenberg with a purse on behalf of his associates on the Central Plant Engineering force.



NUTRITION IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

The new nutrition course for instructors of the Central Division was held at the Carpenter Hotel, Manchester, N. H., from September 27 through October 4. Standing:

M. Staples, Lynn; Instructor F. H. Humphrys, Division Employment Supervisor; T. Postel, Walpole. Seated: D. Hodgdon, Newburyport; P. Foster, Salem; M. Brooks, Manchester, N. H.; B. White, Portsmouth, N. H.; B. P. Lane, Laconia, N. H.; and Z. Waie, Lowell.

Newcomers

Newcomers to Central Traffic force are: Margaret L. Boissy, Shirley A. Marquis, Concord; Dorothy M. Clark, Dover; Patricia E. O'Leary, Eva S. Williams, Keene; Mary P. Casey, Virginia C. Grady, Manchester; Alis A. MacInnis, Eunice T. Knight, Nashua.

Danvers Traffic welcomes two new operators: Greta Hurd and Virginia Graves.

Lynn Traffic welcomes two new students to the force: Anne Athanas and Dorothy Bissett.

Newcomers to the Lowell Traffic district in September were: Eleanor Jackson, Mary V. Peck, Framingham; Priscilla A. Gauthier, Janet M. Paquin, Haverhill; Marjorie Ann Scribner, Marcia Pike, Lowell; Rose Bazigian, Doreen E. Thair, Roberta A. Higgins, Milford; Elva I. Voucher, Adelaide L. Semmler, Dover; Mary T. Lesperance, Hudson.

We welcome the following new members of the Salem Revenue Accounting force: June E. McElmon, Madeleine Jodoin, Arline Thomas, Dorothy M. Hennessey, Mary E. Chalmers, Dorothy W. Evans.

Grace Morrison has joined the Lawrence Business Office force as a Service Representative.

Joan H. Lyons is a recent addition to the Haverhill Business Office force as Service Representative.

Plant Ratings

The following Central Division Plant employees have recently passed examinations for ratings: J. J. Doherty, Local Testman (Partial Rating); A. Gustafson, Installer-Repairman; D. A. McDonald, Station Installer and Repairman, Class B; J. R. Blake, Central Office Repairman Dial, Step-by-Step, Class B; W. A. Bishop, Central Office Repairman Dial, Step-by-Step.



"She makes a swell Cadet Nurse, but she'll have to get over saying, 'What's yours, Mister?'"

Blood Donors

During the week of September 27 the Red Cross held a drive for volunteers for blood plasma at Manchester, N. H. Many of the Traffic Department employees visited the Masonic Temple and gave a pint of blood. Some of those who gave are: Helen Manseau, Rita Callahan, Thelma Weeks, Dorothy Ball, Harry W. Wood, Marguerite Brooks, Mary Talty, Phyllis Richardson, Lillian Burke, Yanna Kate, and Mary Hoben.

Lillian Abbott, Service Observer, holds the record among the blood donors in the Lawrence Commercial Department. She has two bronze pins for her donations.

Aid Red Cross

The girls in the Lawrence Business Office contribute one night a week to working in the Red Cross Surgical Dressings Rooms. They go as a unit after supper.

Agent Resigns

Mary P. Fall, Agent at Tamworth, N. H., resigned on September 11.

New Agents

Anastasia J. Ward has been appointed the new Agent at Upton, replacing Clayton F. Reynolds who resigned on August 21.

Ethel M. Carter was appointed Agent at Tamworth, N. H., effective Sept. 19.

Transfer

Beatrice A. Burkinshaw, Senior Service Representative in the Haverhill Business Office, has been transferred to the Metropolitan Division.

Engagements

Arlene Feeley of the Salem Revenue Accounting Office has announced her engagement to Charles Cook of Salem.

On Saturday, September 18, George H. Carroll announced the engagement of his daughter, Dorothy, to Michael Javoronok,

son of Mr. and Mrs. John Javoronok of Gray's Lane, Haverford, Pa.

Miss Carroll is a Service Representative in the Lowell Business Office and Mr. Javoronok is a Medical Detail man with the Sharp & Dohme Company of Philadelphia.

Marriages

Norma Waitt of the Danvers Traffic force was married July 13 to Sgt. Glenn Gibbons. They have gone to Santa Maria, Cal. Before leaving Mrs. Gibbons was presented with a purse of money and a corsage.

Gloria Verrette of the Andover Traffic Office was married to Pvt. Robert I. Towne, U.S.M.C., on August 13 at St. Augustine's Church, Andover. Previous to her marriage her associates surprised Gloria with a shower at the Capri Cafe in Lawrence.

Doris E. Katchker of the Manchester Revenue Accounting Office became the bride of Lt. Winston Lawrence at the Immanuel Lutheran Church on August 14.

Prior to the wedding Mrs. Lawrence was feted at a dinner party given by her fellow workers at the Derryfield Country Club where she received a gift of silverware. The couple left for Walla Walla, Wash., where they will make their home for the present.

Returns to Her Former Work

Ada B. Moore, who before her marriage was Service Representative in the Dover Business Office, has returned to her old job.

Nutrition Course

A class in the new wartime Nutrition Course, "Food Makes a Difference," is being held for the Central District Commercial employees at 6 Bowdoin Square. Each student will receive marketing suggestions, a shopping list and recipes for nutritional dishes. From all appearances, this course will prove both interesting and beneficial and help to maintain a "healthy and strong America." The instructor of the class is Polly McNamara.

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Eastern Division News

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LUCRATIVE LEISURE

William L. Bowden, retired from the Plant Department, spends his time



helping combat the food shortage. At left he is shown with typical "catch" and at right he is shown in a section of his Victory Garden.

Missing—One Traveling Bag!

Our Division Plant Engineer, C. J. Curtis, was just a mite perturbed one day recently. As he had made plans to take the 5:15 train for Boston, he packed his bag in the morning and, arriving at the office, left it in the foyer of the building.

On this same day Harry Learson and Ralph Simmons of the Division Plant force were leaving on a trip "up North" to do some testing. Mr. Learson had his testing equipment all packed and waiting in the foyer also. He had asked Mr. Simmons to pick it up for him and put it in the car they would be using. Now Ralphie is known as a most gracious person—in fact he was so gracious that day that he just packed everything in sight into that car—even Mr. Curtis' traveling bag which, by the time he came to get it, was well on its way to the Bangor District!

First for SPARS

Friends of the Division and District Staff wished good luck to Clarice M. A. Carrigan, stenographer in the Portland District Traffic Office at a party recently at the Hotel Lafayette. Miss Carrigan is the first employee of the Eastern Division to join the SPARS. Fellow workers gave her a gold identification bracelet, a corsage and several other gifts. She left September 30 for Palm Beach, Fla., for her basic training.

On Furlough

Esther Laughlin, formerly a Service Representative at Portland, now in the WAC at Daytona Beach,

Fla., was in Portland on furlough in September. Also on leave was Ruth Brown, formerly of Eastern Division Sales, now with the WAVES in New York.

Retired

Mary A. Murphy of Biddeford retired September 30, after 33 years in the Biddeford Office. She has been a supervisor since June 1921. Miss Murphy was presented with a purse of money and a colonial bouquet by her fellow workers.

Supervisors' Meeting

A two-day supervisors' meeting was held at Lewiston on September 22 and 23. The meeting was conducted by C. H. Tozier, District Traffic Superintendent; T. L. C. Burnell, District Traffic Supervisor; and M. Lyons, Chief Operator. All the supervisors and junior supervisors in the office participated.

Past and present service results, current operator development and service problems were discussed and a campaign for service improvement laid out.

Silver Anniversary

Ina M. Day, Chief Operator at Cornish, celebrated her twenty-fifth anniversary with the Telephone Company on September 20. She received a bouquet, a gift of money and a War Bond.

Marriage

Walter I. (Dave) Noyes, past Manager of the Lewiston Area, was married recently to Mrs. Renaud of Bath. The colony at Bay Point gathered at "Blue Bell," Dave's cottage near the mouth of the Kennebec River, one evening in September to celebrate the event.

Check Holder

Twenty years ago last February Leonard L. Bishop of Portland, then living in Lewiston, terminated his service, wanted to pay up all charges before leaving and did pay \$4.70 in the Lewiston Business Office. Because it is not our custom to charge for the day of termination, presumably forgotten by a service representative, the charges due were only \$4.64, leaving a credit balance of six whole cents for one day's service.

On March 3, 1923, a refund check was issued and mailed. Apparently it so surprised Mr. Bishop that he added it to his hobby collection of similar small checks but in September of this year he was clearing out some old files and became curious to see what would happen if he deposited it.

It was drawn on the account of Winifred L. Shaw, Lewiston District Cashier, which account was closed out in 1925. Miss Shaw is now one of our pensioners. It was prepared by Louise B. (Studley) Bishop who long since married and left the Company and was approved by P. G. Bartlett, now deceased, then Division Revenue Accountant.

When the check finally reached the Manufacturers National Bank in Lewiston, after having been through three banks, we were called upon to make good and did, thus ending its long sleep.

On being queried about his hobby Mr. Bishop said, "Oh, I have several more. I have one nearly as old for twenty-six cents signed by 'Uncle Sam.'" One wonders just what will happen when that check ripens and he decides to put it through the mill.

Newcomers

Newcomers to the Portland District Traffic force are Phyllis E. Griffing, Mary J. Cook, Bath; Marian Cosman, Rosemary Pierce, Biddeford; Mavis R. White, Lewiston; Lenore S. Kamilewicz, Mary L. Nolan, Anna M. Coyne, Arlene M. Reinertson, Evelyn J. Dean, Madelene V. Chandler, Portland; Isabel Goodwin, Jeannette Parker, Susan P. Butterfield, Rumford.

Transfer

Patricia Dagget recently was transferred from Gardiner to the Bath Traffic Department.

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Metropolitan Division News

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ROBERTS AND SHAW RETIRE

On September 29, 60 friends of George R. Roberts and Charles F. Shaw gathered at the University Club in Boston to wish them Godspeed on the eve of their retirement. Mr. Roberts' Bell System career began in 1903 in Chicago, advanced on the Pacific Coast. In 1908 he joined our Contract Dept. where he progressed

from contract agent to manager before transferring in 1937 to the Division Commercial Engineer's staff. Mr. Shaw joined the Company in 1910. He served as representative in the Commercial Engineers and as manager and district supervisor before joining the staff of the Division Commercial Supervisor in 1925. Division Commercial Engineer W. E. Howard and Division Commercial Supervisor F. B. Faxon, toastmaster, presented War Bonds to the guests.



MEETING FOR McCABE

On September 16 about one hundred friends of the Traffic and Plant Departments in the Canton-Norwood area gathered at the Lafayette House in Foxboro to pay tribute to Central Office Repairman John McCabe on the eve of his

retirement from active duty after 45 years with the Company. After dinner John was presented with an anniversary cake and a purse of money. The musical part of the program included vocal solos by Elizabeth Welsh, accompanied at the piano by Emma Nugent. Mrs. McCabe, two daughters, and two sons, home on furlough, were present.

Wave

On October 7 Marie A. Cronin of the Metropolitan Revenue Ac-

counting Office at Watertown left to join the WAVES. A corsage and gift of money were presented to

her by her associates. Marie is receiving her basic training at Hunter College, N. Y.

Recent Classes at the Metropolitan Plant School



Cablemen at a recent course at the Met. Plant School, 245 State St., Boston, for wiping the new fillet joints. The course covered the use of the 71A, 72A, 75A, 76A, 79A test sets. Seated in class at left are: H. L. Hamill, L. A.



Doherty, J. T. Milloy, F. G. Casey, S. A. Porter. Standing: Instructor W. W. Bruce. Standing, right: W. L. Walsh, C. W. Sullivan, W. F. Curry, T. C. Foley, H. V. Chisholm, K. S. Herendeen. Extreme right: W. W. Bruce, Inst.



A two-day appreciation course on the 701A and 711A PBX and 110A Power Plant including the various routings of calls, thorough description of line relay racks, switch frame, cabling and detailed circuits operation of a three digit local station-to-station call was given to District Plant superintendents, supervising foremen, and to staff men. Representatives from the Eastern Division and C.O.E.I. Department also attended. In the



class pictured at the left are: J. M. Mulhern, J. D. McLaughlin, J. L. Sullivan, R. F. Birmingham, C. Laubinger, and J. J. Riley, Instructor. In the class pictured at right, back row, are: R. A. Stanfield, E. J. Bilodeau, R. M. Simons. Middle row: H. C. Baker, K. W. Bowers, W. J. Proctor, G. J. Grafton, J. W. Richardson. Front row: R. E. Carpenter, D. H. Farren, M. B. Harrington, B. J. Hagan. Standing is the instructor, J. J. Riley.



The appreciation course covered also the 110A, a four rectifier power plant with a capacity of 120 amperes. The subjects included charging and battery equipment, the electron theory and detailed circuit operation of a plant employing two rectifiers. Ringing equipment, description and circuit operation were also discussed. Left, back: N. H. Hastings, F. R. Gaw, J. R. Kelly.



Middle: D. M. O'Brien, L. E. Cantwell, J. H. Gallagher, R. A. Wolf, W. J. Krause. Front: E. J. Burke, H. J. Hebert, F. T. Hannon, Instructor J. J. Riley, standing. Right, back: P. W. Brooks, J. F. Hyland, R. M. Maloney. Middle: T. J. Drohan, M. J. Kiley, F. W. Ramsey, G. M. Corsick. Front: L. P. Graffan, L. S. Foster, H. R. Allen, H. G. Kane. Instructor J. J. Riley.

Home on Leave

Dorothy Donovan, S 1/C, reported to the United States Coast Guard headquarters at Miami, Fla., upon the completion of her recent leave. On her visit to the Accounting Office at Watertown, Dorothy said she was looking forward to her duties as Storekeeper, and that she had enjoyed very much the letters she had received from Accounting friends during her months of basic training.

Nurse's Aide

Marie L. Learson, Service Representative at the Medford Business Office, has completed her training and was recently graduated from a Nurse's Aide class at the Lawrence Memorial Hospital in Medford.

Resigns

Best wishes go with Melba Peckham McLarnon of the Brookline Business Office who resigned on September 30 to join her husband in Quebec. Lt. Comdr. McLarnon is a member of the Royal Canadian Navy.

Marriages

On September 29 Pearl Balegno of the Metropolitan Revenue Accounting Office at Watertown was married to Lloyd Smith, B.M. 1/C. A reception for immediate relatives followed at the home of the bride. Pearl will continue to make her home in Cambridge while her husband is on active duty.

M. Theresa Corcoran, District Chief Clerk in the South District,



TELETYPEWRITER TRAVAIL

These students have recently completed the No. 26 Tele-

typewriter course at the Division Plant School, Boston. Back: C. L. Waldron, W. J. Stearns, Instructor E. F. Chute. Front: W. F. McDonough and C. H. White.

Newcomer

The Brookline Business Office welcomes Ruth Reardon of Brighton who was recently transferred from the Secretary's Office at 50 Oliver St., Boston.

Nutrition Instructor

Elizabeth J. Buttmer, Service Representative at Medford, has been appointed Nutrition Course Instructor in the North District.

Call for Hitching Posts

The residents of Back Bay are really observing gas rationing regulations. Two patriotic customers arrived on horseback one morning, parked their animals in front of the Back Bay Business Office and came in to pay their telephone bills!

In the WAVES

Martha G. Jones, former Order Writer of the Somerville Business Office, is now commissioned an Ensign in the WAVES and is located in New Orleans, La.

Engagement

The engagement of Marion B. Hynes, Teller in the Bowdoin Square Commercial Office, and Sgt. Francis Napoli of the United States Army Air Force, has been announced by Miss Hynes' parents. No definite date has been set for the wedding.

KID SALVAGE



TRIO OF TRANSFERS

William E. MacIsaac, John F. Harkin and John M. Kelley were guests at a banquet held at Blinstrub's Village, South Boston, September 23, to celebrate their recent changes in the Central Office Repair Force. Central Office Supervisor Bill MacIsaac was transferred from District No. 1 to No. 3. Jack Harkin was appointed Central Office Supervisor in District No. 2, and John Kelley suc-

ceeded Jack as Liberty Wire Chief. With the guests at the head table was District Central Office Supervisor Carlton S. "Pete" Mason, who recently transferred from District No. 3 to No. 1. Toastmaster John J. Cummings presented Bill, Jack and John with War Bonds. J. J. Maher, chairman of the committee in charge of the party, was assisted by J. J. Dailey, C. R. Peterson, T. E. Kelly, R. J. Walsh, J. J. Dynan, J. B. McGrath, E. A. Nolan, J. F. Donovan, F. W. Ward and E. J. Cotter.



ON THE JOB

These Service Reps whose training class finished recently are now on the job training. Seated: Martha G.

Oberlin, transferred from Ohio Bell; Carolyn S. Connor. Standing: Walter P. Norcross, Rita M. Kearsey, Mary G. McGurn, and Helen L. Barry, Instructor.

Transfers

Barbara Brown, formerly of the Cambridge Business Office, has been appointed Coach at the Bowdoin Square Business Office.

The Medford Business Office welcomes Alice M. Hall, a new Service Representative. Before coming to the Commercial Dept., Alice was with Central Plant.

Mary G. McGurn, formerly with the Directory Dept., is now training as Service Representative in Medford.

Mary Sheehan is now a Service Representative at the Back Bay Business Office. Before her mar-

riage Mary worked at Bowdoin Square.

Charlotte McCain, former Service Representative at Back Bay, is now District Chief Clerk at Bowdoin Square. Her friends at Back Bay gave her a surprise dinner at Salmagundi's on October 13 and presented her with a gift of lingerie.

Chief Mate

Daniel T. Shaw, retired employee of the Plant Department, has entered the Merchant Marine as a Chief Mate. "Dan" was a captain in the first World War and for the past two years has been working on cable construction projects at various government fortifications.

Southern Division News

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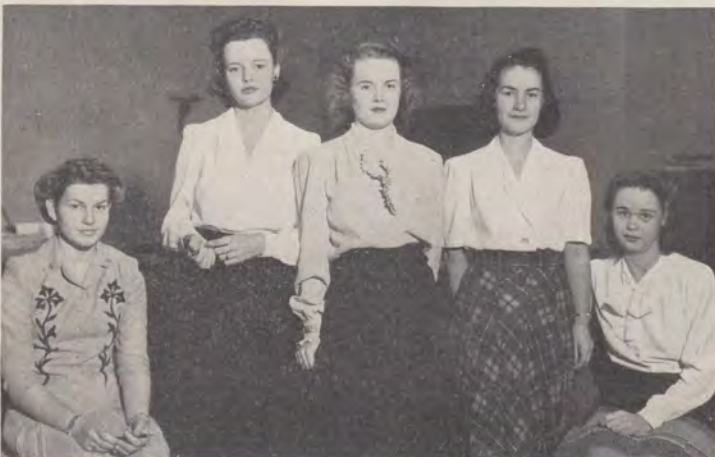
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TRAINING TERMINATED

This training class for Service Representatives was completed in Providence on October 1. Left to right:

S. Cavanaugh, Brockton; R. Gilman, Taunton; B. Brides, Brockton; P. Blunt, Rockland; J. Harris, Hyannis.



CHRISTMAS CONTRIBUTIONS

Local No. 5, I.B.T.W. Christmas packages to fellow members in the armed services, made possible by voluntary contributions of Plant employees, contain a carton of cigarettes, razor blades, cards, handkerchiefs, hard

candies, gum, pencils, kleenex, book of short stories. The committee in charge of the gifts: John J. Larvin, chairman; P. Francis Cafferty, treasurer; Frank J. Boyle, Raymond J. Burke, Walter C. Goodman, Joseph Harte, Edwin J. Kilburn, James J. Lyons, Jr., John T. Magner, Lester A. Swinamer and Thomas J. Thacker.

Supervisory Changes

The following changes in Revenue Accounting supervision have been made recently: S. Lillian Backstrom, Machine Billing and Addressograph Supervisor; Helen L. Kaines, Toll Recording Supervisor; Madelyn L. Boynton, Toll Sorting Supervisor; Myrtle E. Weaver, Asst. Service Order Supervisor; Mary M. Bucklin, Asst. Toll Sorting Supervisor.

Providence Associates Elect Officers

The Providence Revenue Associates at a recent meeting elected new officers for the ensuing year. These new officers are Kathleen Demoe, president; Josephine O'Loughlin, vice-president; Rita Fraser, treasurer; Eleanor Wagner, secretary.

Resigns

On September 30, a dinner party was held at the Hotel Bryant in honor of Hazel Heath, Service Representative in the Brockton Office, who has resigned. Mrs. Heath received a War Bond and a corde handbag from her associates in the Business Office, Plant and Traffic Departments.

Bon Voyage

On October 7 Blanche Reed of the Providence Long Distance Office was feted at a bon voyage party at the Garden Restaurant. She received a check from her associates along with their best wishes for her success on her returning to work in Dallas.

Wins War Bond

The lucky winner of the War Bond at the War Bond Rally sponsored by the Long Distance Sunshine Club was Florence Gallagher of Long Distance.

Unexpected Visit

On September 17, girls from the Pawtucket Operating force made an unexpected visit to the home of Arthur E. Kenyon, former Traffic Manager of the Pawtucket Office. They gave Mr. Kenyon a pair of book ends and a lamp.

Bowling League

A bowling league has been started by the Long Distance girls and all workers are urged to attend. For convenience, three leagues have started, an afternoon and two evening teams.

Telco Bowling League

The Telco Bowling League began its thirty-first season Thursday evening, October 7, at the Washington Alleys, Providence. Due to the present emergency the league has been reduced from 20 teams to 10 teams.

The lineup is as follows: American Tel. & Tel., Buildings, Cable, Construction, Construction Office, Equipment Installation, Gaspee, Hopkins-Williams, Maintenance, Pioneers.

The following officers will hold office for the duration: Angus J. McAdam, President; Thomas Reynolds, Vice President; William J. Sullivan, Jr., Treasurer; Ernest R. Noke, Secretary.

Newcomers

Additions to the Pawtucket Traffic force are: Anna M. Kane, Gertrude A. Fullam, Lucille M. Sevigny, Eva Periera, Marie L. Mutch, Elizabeth M. Lennon, Norma C. Lewis, Antonetta Salvatory, Rosemary Dansereau.

Additions to the East Providence Traffic force are: Janet M. Bishop, Cathleen M. Slattery, Phillis M. Downey, Gertrude E. Cahir, Irene M. Cloutier, Anna C. Pieraninci.

New to the West Traffic force are: Grace E. Hines, Margaret V. Sharrocks, Mary M. Quirk.

Newcomers to Central Information are: Mary Conley, Mary Hogan.

The Brockton District welcomes the following new arrivals: Shirley Cavanaugh and Erna Johnson, Brockton; Patricia Blunt, Rockland; Ruth Gilman, Taunton.

New Agent

Annie R. Woods was appointed Agent at Wellfleet on September 13. Nellie M. Donnell, former Agent, has resigned.



An Unusual Trouble

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The restrictions on metals have evidently affected the air rifle business, and the youth of Pascoag, R. I., are unable to secure "BB" shot. These youths, however, have come upon the "Tales of Robin Hood" and have devoured with eager interest the sagas of Friar Tuck and the redoubtable Robin Hood and their feats with the long bow. Lacking the yew and ash from which long bows were made in the olden days, they have found a substitute in willow and birch, and equipped with their homemade weapons of destruction they sally forth in search of adventure.

A high-flying dragon, trailing its tenuous profile across the landscape, drew their instant attention—no matter that it was a cable fastened to poles—in the eyes of youth it was a dragon to be slain—and so it was. The feathered barb with its plastic tip was placed on the bow, the cord drawn tight, then released. Forth sped the arrow to lodge in the body of the dragon, alias the cable. A goodly cable, too, with 100 pairs of wire within its leaden sheath, which were put out of service. The seekers after adventure departed and the more prosaic cable splicer and his helper labored with furnace and lead, with dresser and knife to make repairs so that the cable would again be a fair target.

Chester Precourt and Tom Kieran were the splicer and helper.



WIENIE ROAST

This picture was taken one evening early in September

when employees of the Plant and Engineering forces and their families gathered after work for a twilight picnic and wienie roast at Sunset Lake, Lincoln Woods.

Transfers

Robbie Lou Heim has been transferred from Lansing, Mich., to the Providence Long Distance Office.

Beverly Brides, formerly a teller in Brockton, is now a Service Representative there.

Going and Coming

Mary O'Connor Calcutt, until recently a toll operator at Woonsocket, has left to join her husband at Hearne, Tex.

Catherine Mee has returned to the Woonsocket Traffic force after spending the summer working at Narragansett. Mabel Drury and Genevieve Padden have also returned. They worked in the Wareham Office for the summer.

Training

Instructor Charlotte Rhodes is busy training G. O'Leary and C. Carberry of the Gaspee-Dexter Plantations Office for Toll at the Woonsocket Office.

Students

New students in the Providence Long Distance Office are: Mary Moran, Coral Carter, Virginia Mack, Annette Drill, Dorothy McNally, Florence Dougherty, Teresa Scalzi, Emma Verry, Camella Grande, Mary Gaines, Ann Benoit, Kathleen Arthurs, Uliano Fiberni, Doris McKesina, Norma Sallery.

New Members

We wish to welcome the following members to the Revenue Accounting Association: Gertrude Anderson, Madelyn Conors, Marion Daley, Marjory Doran, Mary Gillis, Erma Hofmann, Frances Hoag, Doris Houlihan, Rita Kerwin, Mary Lovitt, Anna Manuto, Mary Wren, Frances Aldrich, Marilyn Clifford, Lillian Cushing, Barbara DuBuque, Dorothy McGeough, Mary Moretti, June Negus, Marie Palumbo, Margaret Sardelli and Avis Webb.

Marriages

On September 16 Mary Foley was given a shower by the Long Distance girls at Oates Tavern. Mary was married on September 25 to Chief Petty Officer 1st Class Joseph McCauley at the Church of the Assumption, Providence, R. I.

Edith Ryan of Providence Long Distance Office was guest of honor at a shower at the Biltmore Garden Restaurant on September 30. She was married October 12 to Pfc. Edward Sheridan of the United States Marine Corps.

Alice Ellis of Dennis, Wire Chief's Clerk at Hyannis, became the bride of Lt. Joseph P. Walker, also of Dennis on September 17 in the West Harwich Holy Trinity Church. A reception was held immediately following the ceremony at the Ellis home. Lt. and Mrs. Walker will make their home in Hampden, Va., where Lt. Walker is stationed.

Margaret Sullivan of the Providence Long Distance Office became the bride of Paul Foushecourt on Labor Day at the Church of the Assumption, Providence.

Anne Arrigan of the Providence Long Distance Office was married on September 11 at the Cathedral of St. Peter and Paul to John Madden. On September 2 friends in the office had honored her at a shower at Oates Tavern.

Myrtle Breslin of the East Providence Operating force was married to Pvt. Albert Gray of U.S.A. on September 25 at the Sacred Heart Church, East Providence.

Marion R. Donnelly became the bride of William R. Dunn on October 9 at St. Paul's Church, Edgewood, R. I.

Alberta E. Bennett announced her marriage to Tech. Sgt. Harry O. Williams. The wedding took place on June 15, in Boston. Alberta left to join her husband at Fort Knox, Ky., on October 15.

Both girls were presented with money purses by their Revenue Accounting Associates.



"Weird, isn't it?"



S. S. OATES TAVERN

On September 23 the Southern Division Disbursement Accounting Club wished "bon voyage" to Phylis MacDonald and Nellie Welch at Oates Tavern, Providence. The

two girls at the center of the head table, Phylis at the left and Nellie at the right, have joined the WAVES. John Wright, President of the S.D.A. Club, presented each girl with a fitted cosmetic case on behalf of their friends in the club. Dancing followed the dinner.

Blood Donors

Following the announcement in July by the American Red Cross that their Mobile Unit for the convenience of prospective blood donors would be in Brockton the first of September, Local No. 16, I.B.T.W., voted to participate as an organization. President George Sherman appointed a committee composed of George Russell, Jr., chairman; C. Sheehan, A. Trosky, H. Sylvester and H. Gray.

In spite of the vacation period, transportation difficulties, and technical restrictions imposed by the Red Cross, 48 members volunteered to aid the war effort by donating their blood. Of the 48 who volunteered, 32 members of their immediate families are in the service, many of whom are in the thick of the fighting. The title of outstanding "Daddy" goes to Wilfred Bois, Lineman, a veteran of World War I, who saw action with the famous 5th Marines of the Second Division from Chateau Thierry to the occupation of the Rhineland. Wilfred has 5 boys in the service, two of whom are following in the

footsteps of Dad in the Marines.

Another member, who has an unusual interest in the work of the Red Cross is Phil Saxton. Phil's brother has been a prisoner of the Japs since the beginning of the war.

Following is a list of the donors: W. Bois, B. Bourque, J. Bourque, H. Brown, E. Burgess, K. Burrill, J. Caffrey, L. Cambridge, A. Chassey, E. Connolly, F. Greagh, R. Curley, E. Dinneen, W. Dinneen, E. Finnegan, W. Ford, H. Fortier, J. Hennessey, C. Holmes, W. Holinan, H. Howes, W. Howes, H. Johnson, T. Kilbridge, J. Lamkey, J. Laughlin, J. Lonergan, P. Manion, W. Mason, E. Maybury, A. McCann, J. McCarthy, I. Moran, F. Morey, W. Murphy, B. O'Donoghue, W. Post, C. Pillsbury, C. Rounds, H. Sawyer, P. Saxton, C. Sheehan, G. Sherman, T. Slowey, J. Smith, H. Sylvester, K. Thompson, A. Trosky.

Henry Buteau, District Construction Supervisor, who has a boy in the service also volunteered to aid the members of Local No. 16

as did Katherine MacKinaw, Wire Chief's Clerk at Brockton.

More Blood Donors

Recent blood donors among the Pawtucket Operating force are: Mary Ashburn, Claire Taylor, Helen Welch, Mary J. Adams, Ruth Anderson, Eileen Black, Lida M. Wheelock, Mildred Bampton, Helen Harrison, Louise Leach, Peg Hawthorth, Peg Cotton, Helen Burke, Rita Kelly, Rita Queenan.

Orchestra

The Providence Long Distance Office is forming an orchestra and all new talent is welcomed.



Operator Lucy Feeley, Matron Cecilia LeBlanc (Plant Department), and Supervisor Katherine Drury of the Centerdale Exchange helped the government's food program by picking and preserving blueberries. Under the supervision of Mrs. LeBlanc they have canned forty-four quarts.

WAVES

Hazel Pailthorp and May Dennett of the Pawtucket operating force have joined the WAVES. They will receive their training at Hunter College in New York.

Thirty-six Years

Ethel Steere, Chief Operator, celebrated her thirty-sixth anniversary with the Company on September 30. Members of the Supervisory force surprised her with a party in the basement of the Pawtucket Office building and gave her many miscellaneous gifts and flowers.

Western Division News

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NUTRITION NOTES

The Company's fall program of nutrition classes is now in full swing, and these Western Division students busily taking notes are typical of others throughout the Company. On the left is a Nutrition Instructors' training class



sponsored by the Commercial Department. L. to r.: C. M. O'Sullivan, M. A. Clifford, R. Bozarth, E. G. Callahan, M. L. Allen. The second class is for Traffic Department employees. Seated: D. C. Straker, E. M. Londergan, R. M. MacKenzie, H. C. O'Connor, M. E. Grady, A. P. McGrath, G. R. Hoey, M. J. Henrichon, J. G. O'Connell. Standing is class instructor M. A. O'Donnell.

Silver Anniversary

On September 14 operators and former operators at Lyndonville, Vt., gathered in the Company rest room to congratulate Chief Operator Henrietta Grapes on her twenty-fifth anniversary with the Company. Mrs. Grapes received a gold mesh bag, flowers and many cards.

Worcester Pioneers Meet

Fifty members attended the first fall meeting of the Worcester Council of William J. Denver Chapter No. 20, at the Aurora Hotel on September 23. David H. Morris, past president of N. C. Kingsbury Chapter No. 2 of Ohio, now retired, was guest speaker. He talked on Pioneer activities and goals.

Fred E. Brown, retired from the Metropolitan Division, entertained with piano selections.

The membership committee made its first report and turned in many applications. Movies and a buffet lunch closed the meeting.

WAC Recruits

On September 7 Elizabeth Holenko of the Toll Recording Unit joined the WAC. She will be stationed at Ft. Des Moines, Iowa.

Edna O. Coons, Agent at Hampden, resigned on September 18 to join the Women's Army Corps. Lily R. Prickett has been appointed new Agent.

Newcomers

Newcomers who have recently joined the Revenue Accounting family in Springfield include: Jane Armeson, Marilyn Johnson, Elsie Mortimer, Barbara Barker, and Helen Larson.

Additions to the Cambridge Business Office force are Edna Griffin from the General Office, now in training as an order writer, and Mary J. Daley in training for teller-cashier duties.

Agent Returns

Agnes N. Drummond, on leave of absence since July 31, returned to her job as Agent at Southwick on August 29. Mary E. Brennan served as temporary Agent during Mrs. Drummond's absence.

Back at Cambridge

The Cambridge Office welcomed back Muriel Morrissey, now Mrs. John Barry. Mrs. Barry has returned from Texas where she had been living. Her husband, Dr. John Barry has been transferred overseas. Mrs. Barry returns to her former position as Service Representative.

Transfer

Barbara Teevan has been transferred to Cambridge as a Service Representative from the Chelsea Office where she was also a Service Representative.



CIVILIAN COMMUNICATION UNIT

This is the Communication Unit of the Civilian Defense Organization which participated in the Third War Bond Drive parade September 19 at Westfield. Over 3000 marchers represented military divisions, civic units and

every industry and trade in Westfield. The parade was reviewed by ex-Governor J. B. Ely, Mayor A. Burke, and other civic, state, and military leaders. Telephone persons participating were, front: Elizabeth McAuley, Chief Operator; George A. Shea, Manager; Ruth McBrian. Back: Grace Pringle, Gloria Diaz, Ruth Lampson, Margaret Parker.



TERMINAL TROUBLES

A school for instructors in Terminal Maintenance was held at Springfield on September 20. These instructors will conduct schools in the various districts in an effort to

decrease terminal troubles. L. to r.: W. R. Ford, Pittsfield; F. K. Ostrander, Instructor, Springfield; A. J. Dunleavy and W. H. Stirling, Fitchburg; G. H. Hicks, Springfield; B. R. Reardon and F. J. McGuinness, Worcester; R. A. Doray, Div. Training Super., Springfield.



BERKSHIRE TO BOOT CAMP

On August 23 office associates of Virginia J. Ranti gathered in the Greylock Room of the Berkshire Restaurant to bid her farewell prior to her induction in the Marines. Miss Ranti has been a Service Rep in the Pittsfield Business Office. Robert D. Fuller, Manager, presented

her with a purse. Following the dinner, Helen C. Randall entertained at her home. Miss Ranti left September 20 for Camp LeJeune, New River, N. C. L. to r.: Mary E. McGrane, Helen Weiss, Olive E. Cole, Agnes E. Nelligan, Marjorie B. Dellert, Jerry Donoghue, Robert D. Fuller, Ethel M. Vincent, Richard Billings, Virginia Ranti, District Manager Gerald C. Goudy, Helen C. Randall.

Marriages

Mrs. Annie B. Carey recently announced the marriage of her daughter, Dorothy Frances, to Edward A. Lapan, Aviation Metal-smith, United States Navy. The marriage took place September 10 at Union Methodist Church in St. Louis, Mo.

Margaret A. Agan, daughter of Mrs. Delia Agan of White River Junction, and Sgt. Eugene J. McCarthy of Lawson Field, Fort Benning, Ga., were married on September 9 at St. Anthony's Church. Rev. John A. Lynch celebrated the nuptial Mass.

Mrs. Robert Woods, sister of the bride, was matron of honor; Robert Agan, brother of the bride, was best man and Mary Margaret Wood, niece of the bride, was flower girl.

Both brides are from White River Junction and are employees of Western Commercial Department.

On August 7, Marjorie Andwood of the Toll Rating Unit of the Springfield Revenue Accounting Department became the bride of Charles A. McCurry at Our Lady of Hope Church in Springfield.

On August 17 in the Methodist Church in East Longmeadow, Shirley D. Parsons of the Toll Recording Unit was married to Harold H. Dominick of the Seabees.

Loretta E. Carroll, an operator at the Leominster Office, was married on September 2 to Aviation Cadet Paul J. Flaherty at St. Leo's Church, Leominster. Mary Flaherty, sister of the groom and an operator at the Fitchburg Exchange, served as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Peggy Raher and Peggy Thomas of the Leominster Office, Betty Flaherty of the Fitchburg Office and Eileen Smith.

Following the ceremony a reception was held at Monoosnock Country Club.

From Retirement

Edwin P. Wilbur, retired from the Commercial Department in Athol, has been working for the last nine months at the Rivet-O-Manufacturing Company. A Company representative visited Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur in their home in West Orange on October 1.

A Company representative visited Benjamin F. White, retired from the Commercial Department in Boston, in Petersham on September 30. Mr. White has had a busy summer taking care of the gardens for several estates. He is still working on the Board of Assessors and expects to continue that work during the winter.



BLIND BOGEY

These Plant men participated in a kickers blind bogey golf tournament at Franconia Memorial Golf Course in Springfield on September 23. L. to

r.: Claude L. Knox, Lawrence B. Shepherd, Charles E. Davis, Merrill B. Steere, Carl W. Carrier, Ralph M. Hathaway, Robert H. Dunbar. "Ike" Steere won first prize, "Deac" Knox second, and "Tom" Welsh third prize.



STAG SUPPER

On September 17 about 50 fellow employees and friends of George M. Campbell, Cable Splicer at Springfield, gathered at Tinti's in North Agawam for a spaghetti and chicken dinner to celebrate his recent marriage to Jean-

nette Bassett of Longmeadow. Andrew Phelan, toastmaster, presented George with a War Bond. John J. Edwards sang several solos. Seated: W. F. Langan, C. E. Lyons, Mr. Campbell, J. J. Powers. Standing: G. F. Farnham, W. A. Conley, M. F. Kelly, A. B. Phelan and E. P. Van Slett. Moving pictures were shown after dinner.

New Agent

Lily R. Prickett was appointed Agent at Hampden, effective September 19.

Ratings

Plant ratings by examination for the month of September are: Harry S. Haywood, "B" Station Installer, "B" Station Repairman; James S. O'Reilly, "B" Station Installer, "B" Station Repairman; Frank J. Murphy, "B" Station Installer, "B" Station Repairman; Waldo E. Safford, "A" Central Office Repairman, Dial S x S; John A. Hennessy, Installer-Repairman; Charles H. Wyman, "A" Station Installer, "A" Station Repairman.



Harry E. Oakes, Agawam, is reaching up to his tomato plant—more than 7 feet tall. Raising tomatoes has been his hobby for 20 years. This season he fertilized with skim milk, fish heads and tails and as a result this plant climbed twice as tall as others set out the same day. Mr. Oakes retired February 1 from the Plant Dept. after 48 years with the Company.

Agent Retires

Anna F. Tenney, Agent at Sterling, retired recently after 36 years with the Company. When Miss Tenney started her job in 1907 the office was in an old brick schoolhouse and she served about 65 subscribers instead of the 328 she was serving at the time she resigned.



William J. French is here working on the PBX switchboard he installed recently in a new Northeast Airlines' hangar in Burlington, Vermont.

In Memoriam

CHESTER L. CAMPBELL, Plant Department, Boston. Died September 4.

GEORGE T. CUTLER, formerly of Plant Department, Burlington, Vt. Died September 16.

ARTHUR A. SWINDLEHURST, formerly of Plant Department, Athol. Died September 3.

ROSTO S. TRUDEAU, Equipment Installation Department, Springfield. Died September 9.

Advertisements

Employees, both active and retired, wishing to advertise anything for sale, rent or exchange, may do so in *Telephone Topics* without charge. Advertisements are limited to 30 words and two insertions in any six-month period. The employee magazine is glad to be of such service to employees but, of course, can assume no responsibility for statements made in the ads.

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ELECTRIC GENERATING PLANT—110V., 1000 watts, fully automatic, no batteries, gas driven. In perfect condition. Write J. E. Corthell, 56 W. Main St., Georgetown. N-2

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COINS—Old United States coins. K. A. Stuart, 24 Howe St., Lowell. Tel. 2-9942. N-2

BABY STROLLER—Preferably wicker. Call Mr. Nelson, HANcock 3535. O-2

STAMPS—Cancellations of all kinds wanted by retired telephone employee. Maurice Goldsmith, 520 E. 136th St., Apt. 1, Bronx, N. Y. O-2

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Annual Sherwin Pioneer Party

The annual dinner and dance sponsored by the Thomas Sherwin Chapter, Pioneers of America, will be held at the Copley Plaza Hotel, Boston on Wednesday night, November 17. An elaborate program of entertainment has been planned by the committee in charge featuring vaudeville acts, hobby and historical exhibitions, and general dancing. The committee anticipates a large turnout and President James C. Fair urges those planning to attend to purchase their tickets immediately. A list of members of the ticket committee was published recently in the first edition of the Pioneer Courier, new publication sponsored by the Sherwin Chapter.



Not Unexpected

Both were proud of being men of the world, but probably James possessed more worldly wisdom than Ted.

"Old fellow," he said, "you can't kiss a girl unexpectedly."

"O, yes, you can!" retorted Ted, indignantly. "I've done so!"

"That's what you think," replied James gravely. "The nearest you can come to it is to kiss her sooner than she thought you would."

Plain Speaking

"We can't pin the tail on the donkey," said the little hostess at the Sunday birthday party. "My daddy is having a nap."

Her First Thought

Thinking it was time he brought matters to a head, the nervous suitor began: "My darling, I love you! I would go through anything for you!"

Disengaging her hand from his, she gave him a thoughtful look and asked: "Mr. Smith, exactly how much have you to go through?"

Laundry Lore

The laundry situation finally drove one man to such a state that he was taken away by the man in the tattle-tale gray coat.

The Light

Betty: "Did you hear about the fellow who stayed up all night figuring out where the sun went when it went down?"

Oliver: "No, what happened?"

Betty: "It finally dawned on him."

No Way of Telling

It is a strange fact that the youngster who is most often in hot water invariably has the grimmest face.

Hup and Hike

Some Senators think service literacy standards are too high. They would take into the Army anyone who can count from hup to four.

Lucky Break

Mary: "So you bought a new fur coat after all. I thought you said your husband could not afford it this year."

Jean: "So I did, but we had a stroke of luck. My husband broke his leg and the insurance company paid him \$300."

Wonder of War

A girl working in a factory walked over to another girl worker and announced, "It's all right, thank goodness. I saw the doctor and he said those funny lumps on my arms are muscles."

The Other Side

Standing at his post by the canal bank in the hush of night, the Home Guard heard someone approaching. Waiting until he thought the newcomer was near enough, he challenged:

"Halt! Who goes there?"

"Friend!" came the prompt reply in a "well-oiled" voice.

"Advance and be recognized," he ordered.

From the darkness came the angry retort: "What do you think I am—a blooming duck! I'm on the other side!"

New Version

The young lady on Tremont Street was scornful of the whistling sailor. She was saying: "Just a wolf in ship's clothing."

Six Big Ones

Doctor: "Your throat is very bad. Have you tried gargling with salt water?"

Skipper: "Well, I've been torpedoed six times."

Little Boy Blue

Nit: "Do you know why the little ink drop was so blue?"

Wit: "Because his father was in the pen finishing out a sentence."

Warned

A pretty girl came shyly to the rector in the vestry, and asked if her banns could be put up.

"Certainly," was the reply. "Please give me your full name. I know where you live, don't I?"

He noted her reply, and then said: "And your fiance, when do you expect him home on leave for the wedding?"

"Sir," she said, "I have been warned to reveal nothing about him to the enemy!"

On the Job

He—Last night I dreamed I was married to the most beautiful girl in the world.

She—O, George! Were we happy?

"What's N.C. mean, sister, Nothin' Cookin'?"

A SOLDIER came into a Telephone Center* at a New England camp one night to place a long distance call. The attendant placed the call with the long distance operator who, after vainly hunting for a free line, reported back to the attendant in good telephoneese: "N.C."

The soldier overheard the report, and was puzzled.

"What's N. C. mean, sister?" he asked. "Nothin' cookin'?"

The attendant laughed. "N. C. in telephone language means 'no circuits,'" she said. "All lines are busy. But don't go away. I'll put your call through just as soon as a circuit is clear."

*Room with switchboard, telephone booths, and attendants who help soldiers with their calls

Every night between 7 and 10 o'clock thousands of boys in the Armed Services throng the telephones to place long distance calls. Surely you do not want any of them to get the *nothin' cookin'* signal if you can possibly help it.

And you can help it, if you remember not to telephone to points outside New England unless your message is really urgent. If your call is urgent, we know you will understand if the operator should say, when you make it:

"PLEASE limit your call to 5 minutes."

Or, if she later adds,

"YOU HAVE talked over 5 minutes — can you limit your conversation now?"



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